



CODE ENFORCEMENT AGENCY

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2026 Residential Pool & Spa Permit Application Guide

For Inground & Above Ground Pools, Hot Tubs, and Spas

To ensure your application is processed efficiently, please include the following information and adhere to all requirements.



Pool Barrier & Protection Requirements

All outdoor pools and spas **must be enclosed by a compliant barrier:**

- **Height:** Minimum 48 inches (1219 mm) above grade (measured from the outside).
- **Bottom Clearance:**
 - Max 2 inches (51 mm) from grade to bottom of barrier.
 - If mounted on top of an above-ground pool, max 4 inches (102 mm) from pool top to barrier bottom.




Gate Requirements (per AG105.2 Items 1–7):

- **Pedestrian gates:**
 - Must open outward (away from pool).
 - Must be self-closing and self-latching.
- **Other gates:**
 - Must be self-latching.
- **Latch placement:**
 - If latch is <54 inches (1372 mm) from bottom of gate:
 - Must be on pool side, at least 3 inches (76 mm) below top of gate.
 - No openings >½ inch (12.7 mm) within 18 inches (457 mm) of latch.

Pool Design & Mechanical Information

Include the following with your application:

- **Pool Type:** Fiberglass, vinyl, concrete, aluminum, PVC, etc.
- **Pool Dimensions:** Size and depth.
- **Covering/Protection:** Type of pool cover or safety system.
- **Mechanical System:** Pumps and filtration details.
- **Electrical System:** Support system details.

 **Tip:** Work with your pool installer or manufacturer & **ALL** contractors to gather required documentation before applying.


Residential Electrical Pool Permit: AT APPLICATION

A separate electrical permit is required and will be automatically added to your pool application by CEA.

Include in application:

- Bonding and grounding details
- Circuit requirements
- Exterior outlet type and grounding info
- All Loads and equipment being covered

Inspection Required:

Before covering electrical lines, have your electrician contact CEA Electrical for inspection:  electrical@cea-code.com / (412) 455-3400 M-F 8:00-4:30pm.

Final Acknowledgement & Inspection

- You **must sign** an acknowledgment that a compliant barrier **will be installed and remain in place**.
- **Temporary barriers** must be at least 48 inches high and **cannot be removed** until permanent fencing is installed.
- **Final inspection** will only be approved once all provisions, including the barrier, are complete.

Zoning Ordinance Reminder

Check with your local zoning office for any **additional regulations** that may apply before submitting your application.