

Prince George's County

Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement

BUILDING PLAN REVIEW DIVISION

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SWIMMING POOL REMOVAL

The following checklist applies only to **Swimming Pool Removal**. The checklist serves as a minimum guideline for utilization by applicants to ensure compliance with building/structural plan review requirements. All items are subject to field inspection(s). Customers must check each box where applicable. If applicable boxes are not checked, the application will be denied and/or the inspector will require as-builts at inspection which will result in resubmission and review by the Building Plan Review Division. The department will not be held responsible for delays.

Building/Structural			
Not Applicable	Applicable	Description	
Must Be Provided		Completely dimensioned site plan, showing delineation of all property lines/existing structures, location of the existing swimming pool, and setback dimensions from the pool to the existing structure(s)/property line(s).	
Select either "FULL REMOVAL" or "ABANDONED-IN-PLACE." Do NOT select both.			
		FULL REMOVAL — If a building is planned over or within five (5) feet of the pool, below requirements apply:	
		Remove the entire pool and all utilities. Dispose of the material at a licensed disposal/recycling facility.	
		Backfill the cavity under the supervision of a qualified soil engineer with a minimum compaction of 95% ASTM D-698 standard proctor. Required — Ensure a certified compaction report is submitted and approved by a DPIE inspector <i>prior</i> to obtaining a final inspection.	
		Any alternative to complete removal of a swimming pool must be proposed by the soil engineer and approved by DPIE <i>prior</i> to permit issuance.	
		ABANDONED-IN-PLACE — If no building will be built now or in the future over or within five (5) feet of the pool, the owner must comply with the below requirements:	
		Delineate the area as a non-buildable section of the property, which will result in a building restriction placed on the property. No structure will be allowed in or within five (5) feet of the pool area without obtaining grading and building permits for the full excavation and removal of all debris.	
		Remove the bond beam, gunite, and all improvements to a 24" minimum depth from the finished grade.	
		Cap all drains.	

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		ABANDONED-IN-PLACE, continued		
		Select one (1) of the following options: 1. Install a minimum of one (1) hole every 25 square feet in the bottom of the pool. Each hole must be a minimum of one (1) foot by one (1) foot, and each block must be removed from the pool; OR		
		2. Break up the bottom of the pool, but the concrete does not have to be removed.		
		Regardless of the option utilized above, the bottom of the pool must be inspected prior to the backfill operation.		
		Place a 12-inch-thick layer of pea gravel or #4 rocks over the entire bottom of the pool.		
		Fill the pool with suitable soil or 3/4-inch (¾") maximum size crushed rock, which must be compacted in eight-inch (8") layers with proper moisture and tractor rolled or tamped with compacting plate. No soil engineer or compaction testing is required, and no construction debris is allowed. The DPIE inspector shall be notified of the fill operation.		
		Proper regrading must meet County codes and regulations.		
		Sod or seed the yard in places where required.		

CONSTRUCTION PROCESS

- 1) Do not drain pool water into the storm drain. It should be pumped and taken off-site.
- 2) All utilities must be terminated (i.e., gas line, electrical connection, and plumbing).
- 3) The pool filter, heating equipment, and filtration piping must be removed from the site.
- 4) Stockpiling material in the street or on any public right-of-way is not permitted.
- 5) Call DPIE for a final inspection.