



INFORMATION ON SWIMMING POOLS

A swimming pool is defined as a pool intended for use that is accessory to a residential setting and available only to the household and its guests. The Q&A below has key facts to be aware of when planning to construct a swimming pool on your property.

Do I need a building permit to install a swimming pool?

Yes, with limited exceptions. Contact the Building Department at 269-585-4150 or building@oshtemo.org for more information.

We also recommend that you contact your insurance company before installing a swimming pool.

Where can I place my swimming pool?

Swimming pools and the decking around them must be at least 15' from the rear property line and 10' from the side property line. On lots with one road frontage, the swimming pool and decking cannot be placed closer to the roadway than the front or nearest edge of the home.

Swimming pools cannot be placed over or near septic systems. For details and to find the location of your septic system, contact the Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department Environmental Health Division at 269-373-5210 or online at: <https://www.kalcounty.com/hcs/eh/>

What if I live on a corner lot?

A Corner lot is defined as a lot located at the intersection of two or more streets. Corner lots have a Front Street Frontage and a Side Street Frontage; with the Front Street Frontage being the frontage onto which the front of the building faces and the Side Street Frontage being the frontage onto which the side of the building faces.

On corner lots in subdivisions or site condominiums, in-ground pools are permitted to have a 10' front yard setback along the Side Street Frontage of the lot. In addition to the required fencing (see below), these pools shall be screened from the road with landscaping. Pools are otherwise not allowed in the front yard.

Do I need to build a fence around my swimming pool?

The building code requires an approved barrier for ALL swimming pools – above ground or in-ground. Contact the Building Department at 269-585-4150 or building@oshtemo.org for more information.

Who is responsible for locating my property lines? How can I find them?

Homeowners are responsible for verifying the location of their property lines. They can be found on your property deed, on the survey you received when you bought your home, by using the mapping tools at the County Assessor's office to help locate your property pins, or by hiring a professional surveyor.

DIAGRAM FOR SWIMMING POOLS

