



Town of Charlton

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**BUILDING COMMISSIONER
ZONING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER**

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Inspections for Swimming Pools

For building inspections call 508-248-2241

For electrical inspections call 508-728-8811
For plumbing and gas inspections call 508-248-5277
For Fire Department inspections call 508-248-2299

The following are the minimum inspections for swimming pools, required by the Town of Charlton Building Commissioner, set for under the authority of the Massachusetts State Building Code 780 CMR [Section 115.2](#). Additional, combining or reduced inspections may be permitted by the inspectors depending on the project.

This office performs inspections on first called first on the list bases; **48-hour notice is required for all inspections**. Inspections are performed in the following time windows; 9AM to Noon and 1PM to 330PM, the order (time) of the actual inspection is determined by the best travel route for the inspector. Inspections are not performed on Friday afternoons, weekends or holidays.

The house number must be clearly visible on the building from the street or posted at the end of the driveway and on the building for all inspections.

Adequate access to the site and pool must be provided, if in the inspector opinion the site and or structure are unsafe or inaccessible the inspection will not be performed.

Complete all the requirements in each step before scheduling an inspection for that step.

As-built plan of the pool may be required to be completed by a Massachusetts Registered surveyor and attached to the permit at the time of inspection.

In ground pools

Rerod and wire: If the pool structure includes rerod or reinforcing wire, after the electrical inspection for proper grounding of the wire the building department will inspect the reinforcement before any cement is placed.

Concrete collar and concrete: When the pool has a concrete collar poured around the walls or for cement constructed pool, the building department will inspect the concrete before backfill.

Above Ground pools

Sono tubes: If installed for decks, after the tubes and spread footings (if required) have been set, prior to pouring cement in them. If sono tubes located on solid ledge 2 pieces of ½” rerod must be doweled into the ledge.

Deck Framing: If installed, framing is completed, including the installation of joist hangers, post anchors, joist connected to beams, stairs and rails with appropriate handrails and or guardrails.

Both above ground and in ground

At completion of work: After electrical final and barriers are in place. All barriers, gates, latches on gates, self closing hardware for gates and or door alarms must be functioning. Ladders or stairs in place, with provisions for secure storage of removable ladder or ladders parts. Grading around pool and barriers must be completed.

Notes

The Building Commissioner or Inspector will do a final inspection only after the following Departments have signed off, if appropriate: Electrical, Fire Department (propane storage), Plumbing and Gas.

Failure to be prepared for an inspection or violation of any section of the building code will result in the assessment and payment of a reinspection fee of \$35.00 and the rescheduling of the inspection.

If no inspection has been performed for more than six (6) months and an extension has not been granted in writing the permit may be voided by the Building Commissioner.

CERTIFICATE OF OCCUPANCY must be obtained before the pool is USED or OCCUPIED. Failure to obtain a Certificate of Occupancy is violation of the Building Code and punishable by a fine of \$1000.00 or imprisonment of one year ([780 CMR § 118.4](#)).