

Residential Pool Requirements

As we enter into the swimming season, please be aware of the following state-mandated requirements regarding residential pools:

675 IAC 14-4.4-38 SECTION R326.27.3. Access to residential pools shall be restricted by one (1) of the following means:

1. Walls or fencing not less than four (4) feet high and completely surrounding the pool and deck area with the exception of self-closing and latching gates and doors, both capable of being locked.
2. Other means not less than four (4) feet high and deemed impenetrable by the enforcing authority at the time of construction and completely surrounding the pool and deck area when the pool is not in use.
3. A combination of item 1 and item 2 that completely surrounds the pool and deck with the exception of self-closing and latching gates and doors which are capable of being locked. This applies to item 1, item 2, and this item only.
4. A power safety pool cover that:
 - 4.1. shall provide a continuous connection between the cover and the deck, so as to prohibit access to the pool when the cover is completely drawn over the pool;
 - 4.2. shall be mechanically operated such that the cover cannot be drawn open or retracted without the use of a:
 - 4.2.1. key; or
 - 4.2.2. key and switch; or
 - 4.2.3. touch pad with a personal access code;
 - 4.3. is installed with track, rollers, rails, guides, or other accessories necessary to accomplish item 4.1 and item 4.2, in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions; and
 - 4.4. shall bear an identification tag indicating that the cover satisfies the requirements of ASTM F 1346-91 (2018), Standards Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs, as published by ASTM International, 100 Barr Harbor Drive, P.O. Box C700, West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania 19428-2959 for power safety pool covers.

Please be advised that the above requirements will be enforced by the Town of Thorntown. If you currently are not in compliance with the above requirements, please take appropriate steps to come into compliance with the above at your earliest opportunity. Please address concerns to amooddy@townofthorntown.com or 765-436-8132.

Respectfully,

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