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2026 Pool Regulations

Any pool deeper than 24 inches

In accordance with **2025 New York State Codes**, all pools and hot tubs that are designed to contain or are capable of containing water more than **24 inches deep at any point**, whether in-ground, above-ground, or temporary, must comply with all state and city rules and regulations. Permit procedures will remain the same as in the past with the addition of temporary pools requiring a permit upon installation and anytime they are disassembled or moved. Relevant codes including, but not limited to, the below listed items apply to **all pools deeper than 24 inches** whether new or existing.



New York State Code Requirements (2025 RCNYS Section 328)

- Permanent barrier at a minimum height of 48 inches tall (R328.4.2.1)
- Self-closing and self-latching gate that can be locked with a key (R328.4.2.7)
- Door alarms when a structure is used as a pool enclosure (R328.4.2.8)
- Pool alarm for pools built or substantially modified after 12/14/06 (R328.6)

City of Lackawanna Code Requirements (Chapter 198)

- 10 feet from property lines (198-13)
- No more than 10% of total area of premises (198-13)
- May not be erected in front yards, including either front yard of a corner lot (198-13)
- *Homeowners may apply for variances regarding all of the above items*

National Electrical Code Requirements (2020 NEC Section 680)

- Outlets supplying all pool motors on branch circuits rated 150 volts or less to ground and 60 amperes or less, single- or 3-phase, shall be provided with Class A ground-fault circuit-interrupter (GFCI) protection (680.21(C))

Items Needed to Obtain a Permit

- Plans, sketches, or specifications that include pool dimensions and depths
- Complete set of plot plans (survey) showing all lot lines, existing structures and yard measurements, drawn accurately to scale
- Fence permit and plans to build if no existing fence 48 inches or taller
- Code Enforcement inspection of site before permit can be issued
- All applicable fees