

City of Martensville – Guidelines for Pools and Hot Tubs

The City of Martensville currently does not have a dedicated Swimming Pool Bylaw. However, the following guidelines are provided to help ensure safety, compliance with existing regulations, and the protection of property.

1. Bylaws and Future Regulations

- At this time, the City does not have a specific bylaw regarding above-ground pools or hot tubs.
- A formal bylaw may be developed in the future.
- Residents are encouraged to review **the City of Saskatoon’s Swimming Pool Bylaw** as a reference for safety and liability measures (e.g., fence heights, gate latches).

2. Building and Development Permits

- **Required:** Any decks or platforms built around or beneath a pool or hot tub need a permit.
- **Accessory Buildings (e.g., pool sheds):** May require a building permit.
- **Setbacks:** All accessory structures—whether or not they require permits—must comply with zoning setbacks from property lines and other structures.
- **Exempt:** A concrete pad does not require a building/development permit.

3. Other Permits

- **Electrical:** Any electrical work, such as for pumps or heaters, must be verified with TSASK for the need for an Electrical Permit.
- **Plumbing:** If additional water or drainage connections are installed, check for plumbing permit requirements.

4. Underground Utilities

- **Dial Before You Dig:** It is essential to confirm the location of underground gas, electrical, and other utilities before installing a pool.
- **Contact Sasktel, SaskPower, and SaskEnergy** to ensure proper clearances and safety.

5. Safety and Liability

- For your personal safety and protection of your investment, it is strongly recommended to adopt fencing, self-closing gates, and other measures outlined in the City of Saskatoon’s Swimming Pool Bylaw.
- Check with your insurance provider to confirm if additional coverage is needed for liability or water damage.
- **Supervision:** Ensure children are never left unattended near pools or hot tubs. Keep lifesaving equipment, such as reaching poles or flotation devices, nearby.

6. Backflow Prevention (Vacuum Breaker)

- Outdoor faucets must have a vacuum breaker or backflow preventor to avoid contamination of the water supply. This is especially important during low-pressure events (e.g., firefighting or watermain breaks), which could create backflow scenarios.

7. Water Discharge

- **Drain to Storm Sewer:** Water from pools and hot tubs must be discharged into the storm sewer system, not the sanitary sewer.
- **Surface Drainage:** In areas with surface drainage, discharge water onto the street, but control the flow to avoid flooding or ponding.
- **Alternative Options:** If storm or street discharge is not possible, contact City Hall for guidance.
- **Chemicals:** Ensure that water being discharged is free of chlorine or harmful chemicals that could damage the environment.

Disclaimer:

These guidelines are provided for general information and public safety. Always check with City Hall or relevant regulatory bodies for the most up-to-date requirements.