

Building and Safety Division

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Pool Demolition Guidelines

General

A demolition permit is required prior to the removal of an existing swimming pool for a single family home.

A demolition permit may be issued only to State of California Licensed Contractors, Homeowner or Authorized agent.

Requirements

A plot plan showing the dimension of the pool, distance from the pool to all structures and property line is required.

Removing all the pool structure is recommended. If the structure is not being completely removed, break up the pool shell or drill holes throughout the pool for proper drainage. A 2" diameter hole every 2' O.C. in each direction for the entire below-ground surface is required.

The bond beam and coping may remain. If desired to be removed, they must be broken and removed for a minimum of 2' below ground level.

The fill should be compacted in 8" to 12" layers at 90% per original lot minimum requirements. 3/4 "crushed rock should be installed at the bottom of the pool 10" thick, with the appropriate top soil above that.

All pool pumps, plumbing and electrical equipment must be removed from the site in a safe and proper manner.

If any structures (room addition, patio cover, gazebo, etc.) are to be constructed above the filled area, a Geotechnical Engineer shall design and verify the back-fill requirements.

Inspection Procedures

Two inspections are required for pool demolition. The first inspection should be scheduled after the holes along the pool floor have been drilled and before the pool is filled. The final inspection should be scheduled after all work is completed. Please call 925-931-5300 to schedule inspections.

Questions

If you have any questions regarding your project, please contact the Building and Safety Division at 925-931-5300.