

TOWN OF COCHRANE

Building Safety Codes

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Fields marked with an * are required

Homeowner Hot Tub Application

OWNER INFORMATION

Owner Name*	Phone*
Mailing Address*	Email*
City & Postal Code*	Additional Information if required:
Project Address*	
Hot Tub Permit Fee: Includes Building & Electrical \$189.00	Estimated Construction Value*

*Existing *Concealed Work*? If "Yes" see the [concealed work process](#)

APPLICANT DECLARATION I certify that I am the owner/agent submitting this application and construction will be completed in accordance with the Alberta Safety Codes Act and Regulations and will commence within **90 days**. I understand homeowner permits are to be completed within **365 days**.

I have read and understand the applicant

declaration *

Applicant Name(Print)

Application Date(mm,dd,yyyy)

Please see our website for additional information regarding Hot Tub specific installations related to the Building Code and Electrical Code.

Concealed Work - Any work (electrical) that was installed without permits and is now covered by drywall

The personal information collected through the permit application will be used to process your application. The information relates directly to and is necessary for the operation of the program or activity applied for and may be input into an automated system to generate content or make decisions, recommendations, or predictions. This information is collected and used under the authority of Section 4(c) of the Protection of Privacy Act and managed in accordance with the Act. For questions about the collection of personal information, please contact ATI@cochrane.ca.

The Alberta Safety Codes Act requires that a permit be obtained prior to beginning construction. Failure to obtain permits may result in the applicant being charged a double fee.

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Fire Safety Plan

THIS PLAN MUST BE POSTED ONSITE AND OCCUPANTS/EMPLOYEES ARE EXPECTED TO
BE TRAINED IN HOW TO FOLLOW ITS PROVISIONS

Address:

Description of Project: **Hot Tub**

Contact Personnel: _____ Phone #: _____

Specific Considerations:

- Fire extinguisher(s) will be available at all times during the progress of the construction
- Access to fire hydrants and buildings for fire apparatus must be maintained

Emergency Response Numbers: FIRE/POLICE/AMBULANCE: 9-1-1

General Considerations:

- A WARNING SYSTEM will be in place to warn of potential threats, and facilitate evacuation (yelling, ringing of a bell or horn, etc.)
- EVACUATE via the nearest exit if you are warned of a fire
- PROCEED to the main entrance (outside) and report to the Fire Department
- FIGHT the fire ONLY if it is small and you are NOT ALONE

Hazards Control:

- At the end of each day combustible refuse will be cleared from the site area and disposed of in bins or stored in neat piles. Unused construction material will be kept neat and orderly.
- No open-flame devices will be used inside buildings unless a dedicated watch is in place
- Liquid Propane Tanks or flammable liquids containers are not allowed within buildings

This Fire Safety Plan is designed in conformance with and is a requirement of Division B, Section 2.8.2 of the National Fire Code, and on signature, becomes an agreement between the building owner/contractor and the Town of Cochrane Fire department.

I have read and understand the above

Building Owner/Contractor Name:

Date:

Hot Tubs

A hot tub requires a building permit because they are defined under the National Building Code (2023) AB Edition as *private swimming pools* (Article 7.2). Below are the specific conditions that will need to be met after the permit has been issued.

Alberta Building Code – Specific Conditions

Fence and Gate Design and Construction

Swimming pool means a structure, basin or tank containing an artificially created pool of water that is used for swimming, recreation, bathing, diving, wading, healing or therapy, religious rituals or other purposes, and includes all *buildings*, equipment and facilities used in connection with it.

Private swimming pool means a *swimming pool* that is constructed for the use of a single-family dwelling unit or a house with a secondary suite by the owners and their guests.

Fencing is **not required** around a *swimming pool* that is provided with a cover that

- a) has been designed and constructed in conformance with ASTM F1346, "Standard Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs," and
- b) has the structural strength to support the weight of an adult walking across the top of it when it is in the closed position
- c) is provided with **lockable devices** to prevent access to the water by unauthorized persons.
- d) The hot tub does not exceed 2.4 m (8 ft.), across the widest portion of the water's surface.

The entire area of an outdoor *swimming pool* shall be protected by a fence, *building* wall or enclosure that can prevent access by unauthorized persons, and its height above the outside ground level shall be not less than 1.8m for private pools.

An opening for access through a fence around a *swimming pool* or a *private swimming pool* shall be protected by a gate that is

- a) the same height as the fence,
- b) equipped with a self-closing device,
- c) equipped with a self-latching device on the inside of the gate located not less than 1.5 m above the ground level, and
- d) capable of being locked.

The fence and gate around a *swimming pool* or a *private swimming pool* shall

- a) be constructed so that all horizontal and diagonal members are located on the *swimming pool* side, and
- b) not permit the passage of a sphere whose diameter is more than 100 mm.

No device shall be installed on or adjacent to a fence or gate around a *swimming pool* or a *private swimming pool* that could cause an electric current to pass through the fence or gate.

A fence is not required around any portion of an outdoor *private swimming pool* if the top of the outside wall of the *private swimming pool* is not less than 1.8 m above the level of the ground outside the wall and the wall is constructed so that the only means of access to the *private swimming pool* is through a gate or similar facility.

If you plan on placing the hot tub on a deck, we will require all loading calculations to be submitted to a Safety Codes Officer for review, without proper calculations an engineer's report will be required to determine whether the deck can support the load of the hot tub

**If you have any questions please contact 403-851-2572 or email safety.codes@cochrane.ca