

Town of Charlestown

Pool & Hot Tub Inspection Requirements

The following is a summary of the inspection requirements for the Town of Charlestown.

- All inspections must be coordinated with the Building Inspectors Office at least twenty four (24) hours in advance.
- Plumbing & Mechanical Inspections are done on Tuesday and Thursday morning.
- Building and Electrical Inspections are done Monday through Friday.
- The Building Permit DOES NOT cover any electrical, plumbing, or mechanical work. This requires separate permits, which must be obtained at the Building Inspectors Office.
- Failure on the part of the owner or contractor to notify the Building Inspectors Office for a required inspection will result in a STOP WORK ORDER that may cause delay in construction.
- The Building Inspector will affix a sticker approving the inspection or leave a field correction notice pointing out any deficiencies, which will require re-inspection prior to proceeding.

Inspections for Inground Pools:

1. **Rebar & rebar bonding** (Prior to pouring concrete or spraying gunite)
2. **Metal wall sections, metallic equipment, niche shell & fixture bond** (prior to covering)
3. **Niche shell bond jumper & encapsulating compound** (prior to filling pool w/water NEC 680.23B2)
4. **Perimeter surface bond** (prior to covering NEC 680.26B2)
5. **Electric trenches** (when conduits or approved cables are in place and prior to backfilling)
6. **Final building & electrical inspection** (prior to use of the pool)

Note: Barriers will be inspected at this time and will require compliance with the RI Swimming Pool and Spa Code prior to the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy.

Inspections for Above Ground Pools:

1. **Pool bond and perimeter surface bond** (prior to covering NEC 680.26B2)
2. **Electric trenches** (when conduits or approved cables are in place and prior to backfilling)
3. **Final building & electrical inspection** (prior to use of the pool)

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Inspections for Hot Tubs:

1. **Perimeter surface bond** (prior to covering NEC 680.26B2)
2. **Electric trenches** (when conduits or approved cables are in place and prior to backfilling)
3. **Final inspection** (prior to use of the hot tub)

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Inspections for Open Decks:

1. **Footing Inspection** (After sonotube or forms are installed and prior to pouring concrete)
2. **Framing and Wind Connections** (If there will be no access underneath to inspect the framing and attachments)
3. **Final Inspection for Certificate of Use and Occupancy** (Prior to use and occupancy of the deck)

If there are any questions pertaining to the inspection procedures or inspection results, please contact the Building Inspector's Office at (401)-364-1215.