



Required Inspection of Public Swimming Pools

To all Public Swimming Pool Owners:

Subject:

Periodic Electrical Inspections, and “Bonding and Grounding” Certificates for Swimming Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs

Reference:

N.J.A.C. 5:23-2.18C and 2.20(e)

Introduction

P.L. 1998, c. 137, which supplements the State Uniform Construction Code (UCC) Act, provides for periodic electrical inspections and testing of swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs, with the exception of those associated with a one- or two-family dwelling. Pools, spas, and hot tubs are required to have a “bonding and grounding” certificate issued by a recognized electrical testing agency or licensed electrical contractor, and an Electrical Certificate of Compliance issued by the enforcing agency upon satisfactory completion of a visual inspection.

Electrical Certificate of Compliance

The electrical subcode official/inspector performs a visual (nondestructive) inspection of the electrical equipment and wiring associated with each pool, spa, or hot tub to ensure that the installation is safe and meets the applicable requirements of the Electrical Subcode. This inspection should address all visible safety items covered by the Electrical Subcode, such as the condition of connections and terminations, GFCI protection for motors (where required), receptacles and underwater lights, the location of receptacles and switches, the location and sealing of junction boxes and deck boxes, etc. Retrofitting may be necessary to correct any deficiencies found during this inspection. Variations may be granted where retrofitting is impossible, and safety is not compromised.

The local construction office must have a copy of the valid bonding and grounding certificate before the issuance of an annual Electrical Certificate of Compliance for the pool, spa, or hot tub. For the first year, construction officials are advised to allow a reasonable time for compliance, and to use their discretion when assessing penalties for the continued use and occupancy of a pool, spa, or hot tub without a valid Electrical Certificate of Compliance.



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RE: State Required Yearly Bonding and Grounding Inspection for Public Pools

Pool Owner and/or Operator,

Please complete the enclosed application for the required annual inspection of all public pools, spas and hot tubs on your property and remit that form, along with a check in the amount of \$65.00 for the first pool/hot tub/spa and \$45.00 for each additional pool/hot tub/spa made payable to the Borough of Wildwood Crest. Once payment is made & a receipt issued, you are responsible to call this office to schedule the required inspection when pool is up & running.

The Electrical Inspector will:

1. Check the wiring around the pool pump and equipment to ensure that it complies with the National Electric Code. Any unsafe items or problems noted by the inspector will have to be addressed by an NJ Licensed electrician and may require additional permits.
2. Check that your 5-year bonding & grounding certificate issued by a NJ licensed electrician is valid & displayed in the vicinity of the pool area. **That VALID certificate must be submitted with the application in order to be processed.**

Any pools that are opened prior to passing this required inspection, or that do not comply prior to July 1st will be issued a Notice of Violation and accompanying fines as outlined in the Uniform Construction Code.

If you are **not** the person responsible for this pool, please forward this information to that responsible person or contact us so we can update our records. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please call the Construction Department at (609) 729-8089.

Thank you for your cooperation in assisting to ensure the safety of our visitors regarding this important life safety issue.

Rick Allen
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Borough of Wildwood Crest
Construction Office