PERMANENTLY INSTALLED SWIMMING POOLS

2023 National Electrical Code Requirements

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PERMANENTLY INSTALLED SWIMMING POOLS ARE THOSE THAT ARE CONSTRUCTED IN THE GROUND OR PARTIALLY IN THE GROUND, AND ALL OTHERS CAPABLE OF HOLDING WATER WITH A DEPTH GREATER THAN 42 INCHES (1067 MM)

1) Pool Pump Receptacle (Outlet) and Wiring Method

- a. Swimming pool pump motor receptacle must be located at least 6' from the inside pool wall, must be grounded, and Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protected.
- b. Receptacle must have an extra-duty, in-use, weatherproof cover that can be closed when the cord is plugged in.
- c. Depending on the horsepower of the pump motor, the circuit line for the pump motor may need to be a continuous line going directly to the panel box, and isolated from all other receptacles and loads. (see NEC Table 430.248)
- d. Grounding Conductor (ground wire) for the pump motor cannot be less than #12 AWG insulated copper grounded wire, and must be in conduit. (Exception: When entering a building the wire can change to NM) (Cannot use NM wire in conduit).

e. Conduit

- i. PVC All PVC conduit* must be buried at least 18" deep (12" if GFCI protected prior to entering the ground).
- ii. Metal All Rigid Metal Conduit* must be at least 6" deep.
- * Wires used in conduit must be single strand wires (ex: THWN, etc NO NM or UF CABLE in Conduit).

2) Convenience Receptacle (Outlet) and Wiring Method

- a. At least one (1) 15- or 20-ampere convenience receptacle must be located no closer than 6' and no further than 20' from the inside pool wall (Can be existing and/or wired with any approved wiring method). This receptacle cannot be located more than 6 1/2' above the grade level, deck, or platform serving the swimming pool.
- b. Convenience receptacle must be Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) protected, Tamper Resistant (TR), and Weather Resistant (WR) type receptacle.
- c. Must have an extra-duty, in-use, weatherproof cover that can be closed when in use (for all wet locations).
- d. Must be separate from the pool pump receptacle wiring.
- e. Wiring
 - i. UF cable if buried must be at least 24" deep (12" if GFCI protected prior to entering the ground).
 - ii. PVC All PVC conduits* must be buried at least 18" deep (12" if GFCI protected prior to entering the ground).
 - iii. Metal All Rigid Metal Conduits* must be at least 6" deep
 - * Wires used in conduit must be single strand wires (ex: THWN, etc. NO NM or UF CABLE in Conduit).

3) Bonding The Pool

- a. All metal parts must be bonded together using a #8 (or larger) solid copper wire.
- b. Must use non-corrosive clamps that are listed for direct burial use.
- c. Conductive pool shells must be bonded in a minimum of four (4) equal points uniformly spaced around the pool
- d. Nonconductive pool shells must have a #8 (or larger) solid, bare copper wire 18"-24" from the inside pool wall under the perimeter surface 4"-6" below the final grade.
- e. A minimum of nine (9) square inches of corrosion resistant metal must be in the water to bond the water.

4) Other

- a. Building Permits are required. Secure a Building Permit from your municipality prior to beginning work.
- b. Pool Alarms are required. (Check with your local Building Department for additional information).
- c. Pool Pump Timers: (Check with your local Building Department for additional information).



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