



## Community Development Department

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## Guidelines for Swimming Pool Demolition

### Plans Required

Provide a plot plan showing the location of the swimming pool, all setbacks from structures and property lines. . Identify pool area as **“Location of demolished and abandoned and filled pool area.”**

### Specifications

If a structure is to be constructed above or within 10 feet of pool area, or if pool is located on a grade of 10% or greater, a Geotechnical Report is required.

### Minimum Standards

1. Drain water from pool to sanitary sewer.
2. Break out or puncture a minimum of 4 drainage holes, 24 inches in diameter, in the bottom of the pool/spa structures to allow water to drain. At least one hole in deepest part of the pool.
3. **Remove and off-haul off of the property\*\***; all decking, pool structures and bond beams to at least 24 inches below grade.
4. Remove all electrical, gas, water piping, and pool equipment.
5. Back fill with minimum  $\frac{3}{4}$  to 1  $\frac{1}{2}$  inches maximum gravel to a depth of 6 inches minimum along entire pool/spa bottom.
6. Back fill with dirt or clean, engineered fill and compact every 12-inch lift to 90% up to the finished grade.
7. **Submit a soils compaction report, signed by a licensed Soils Engineer, demonstrating that a minimum compaction of 90% has been achieved. \***

### Permits Required

A demolition permit is required to be obtained prior to any work. Any homeowner, General Engineering Contractor (A), General Contractor (B), Swimming Pool Contractor (C-53), or Demolition Contractor (C-21) may apply for a demolition swimming pool permit.

### Pre-Demolition Meeting

**Schedule a pre-demolition inspection on-site prior to commencing work.**

### Inspections

After a demolition permit has been obtained, the following elements must be inspected:

1. Bottom removal, punctured holes, or penetrations and bond beam removal, prior to placement of any fill.
2. Disconnection and removal of electrical lighting, electrical feeds for equipment and gas line and gravel fill.
3. Final inspection - finish grade and submitted soils compaction report.

**\*NOTE: A compaction report may not be necessary if a “Self-Compacting” fill, such as gravel, is used. You will need prior approval from the Building Official before fill is placed.**

**\*\*Petaluma Municipal Code (PMC) 1.10.075 – General Maintenance of Property**

In addition to other conditions defined to be nuisances in Chapters 1.10 through 1.16 or the municipal code, it is declared a public nuisance for any person owning, leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any premises in this city to maintain such premises in such manner that any of the following conditions, but not limited thereto, are found to exist thereon:

Section G. Items such as, and similar to, the following, and which are stored in yards and visible from public streets and/or other properties:

- 1. Trash, junk, garbage, rubbish and debris.**
- 13. Construction materials and/or tools.**
- 17. Any other refuse or waste.**