



St. Mary's County
Department Land Use and Growth Management
Customer Assistance Guide

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Building Permits for In-ground Swimming Pools

These guidelines apply to the construction and installation of residential in-ground swimming pools. This bulletin is for information only and may not apply to every pool permit application on every property in St. Mary's County.

Step 1: See Customer Assistance Guide (CAG) #3

The "On Demand" Process for obtaining a Building Permit.

Step 2: Permit Issued

Upon issuance of your pool permit you will be provided a Building Permit Placard for you to post on your property to identify the location of the pool construction. You will also be provided with CAG #22 and an inspection application form. Please follow the CAG #22 instructions as they pertain to "staking and flagging the lot," filling out the inspection application form and paying the applicable inspection fee. The fee and completed form must be on file with the inspection agency 24 hours prior to requesting your first inspection.

Step 3: Inspections

The construction of the pool must comply with the International Swimming Pool and Spa Code and the National Electric Code. You must have a Master Electrician, licensed in St. Mary's County, provide the electrical service to the pool and the pool will require both building and electrical inspections.

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