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### SWIMMING POOL/SPA DEMOLITION REQUIREMENTS

Demolition of a swimming pool/spa requires preparing the pool/spa for backfilling, and placement and compaction of backfill material. The following procedure is authorized by issuance of a demolition permit.

- Break off a minimum of 18 inches around the top of the pool and break out a minimum of six 12-inch-diameter or equivalent holes in the pool/spa bottom for drainage (two holes for a spa). Two of the holes shall be at the lowest point in the pool/spa.
- Place a 12-inch-thick layer of 1 inch or smaller clean stone over the entire bottom of the pool/spa.
- Continue to backfill the pool/spa with easily compacted sand within 30 inches of the final surface. Broken concrete from the pool/spa decking or coping shall not be used for backfill. Compact the soil firmly with hand compaction equipment on 6-inch-thick sand lifts with prudent use of water.
- If hardscape is to be constructed over the pool/spa area, fill sand may be placed up to the subgrade level for the hardscape material.
- If the pool/spa area is to be landscaped, the upper 18 inches may be backfilled with suitable planting medium.
- Final grading of the area shall be done so as to avoid ponding of irrigation or rainfall.
- All plastic and vinyl material must be completely removed.
- Any pool/spa that was constructed with other than concrete walls must have those walls removed completely.
- Inspections by Inspectional Services will be required for the following aspects of work:**
  1. Wiring system to pumps and/or lighting shall be disconnected, and all wiring associated with pool/spa shall be removed from conduits or raceways.
  2. Gas line shall be disconnected and capped off at meter and equipment.
  3. The "drain" holes at the bottom of the pool/spa must be inspected.
  4. Finish grading will be inspected for proper drainage.

#### **Wetlands Protection Act & Regulations at 310 CMR 10.00 and Watershed/Floodplain Ordinance, Sec. 22-22**

- Demo permit for above requires conservation/Environmental Planner review if pool or associated structures is/are located:
  1. In a flood zone (bordering or isolated land subject to flooding).
  2. In a riverfront area (within 200 feet of a perennial stream).
  3. Within 100 feet of a bank (of a stream or pond), or 100 feet of a bordering vegetated wetland.
  4. In any of the areas shown on the legend for the GIS wetland layer.