



City of Los Alamitos

Community Development: Building & Safety Division
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Pool and Spa Demolition

A permit is required in order to demolish an in-ground pool or spa. A homeowner, General Contractor, Swimming Pool Contractor or Demolition Contractor, may apply for the permit.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

1. Provide a plot plan showing the location of the swimming pool and set backs from structures and property lines (3) sets required.
2. Remove all decking and pool bond beam to within 18" below grade.
3. Remove all above ground pool equipment, related electrical conduit, exposed plumbing and gas lines.

DEMOLITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Remove the top 18" of pool wall.
2. Drill (3) – 3'x3' holes. Two holes in the lowest portion of the pool bottom and one in the upper portion of the pool bottom. Drill (1) – 12" hole in spa.
3. Fill bottom of pool/spa with 12 inches of ¾ inch rock. If debris is broken up into maximum 6" diameter size pieces, it may be left in the pool.
4. The rest of the pool/spa must be filled in with either:
 - a. Sand
 - b. Dirt, compacted to 90% with soils compaction test
 - c. Or as specified in a soils report by licensed Soils Engineer
5. Two inspections are required. The first to verify holes in the bottom of the pool and the bond beam has been cut out. The second is to verify the work has been completed.

OTHER

1. The building permit is based on the valuation of work being done.
2. If the pool area will be built on, a certified compaction report from a Soils Engineer is required.
3. If the pool area will be landscaped, the upper 18" may be backfilled with suitable planting material.
4. The stock piling of demolition or fill materials in the City public right-of-way is prohibited.
5. All applicable Best Management Practices are required and discharge of pollutants to a storm drain system is prohibited
6. Contact DigAlert at 811 or digalert.org, two working days prior to digging.