

Water Hazards

The following are water hazards and must have a fence to prevent access or be made inaccessible to children in some manner.

Fences Must Be At:

48 inches high

Securely installed to prevent children from getting to the water hazard



A lake, pond, ponding basin, or standing water within 200 feet of the edge of your property



A decorative pond in your yard



If an above ground swimming pool is a minimum of 48 inches high, and has rigid side that will not bend, so a child cannot fall into it, then it will not need a fence if the ladder is removed so that children have no access to the pool. If the sides are less than 48 inches, a fence must be around the pool to prevent access to the pool.

Inground pools must be fenced and gates locked



5 gallon buckets and water pails

Never use open buckets as diaper pails or leave open buckets containing liquids where children can reach them. If a bucket is outside be sure it is not stored open so that it will collect rain water. These pose a drowning hazard.