

Compliance Information Sheet: Pool and Spa Decommission

The information provided below are guidance notes only.

When removing (decommissioning) an existing swimming pool, the following two options are available:

Option one – pool shell is removed completely

The minimum requirements for the safe removal of swimming pools and spas are that the entire pool/spa structure must be removed from the property. A demolition permit application is not required for pools less than 40m² in area.

Option two – pool shell remains but is decommissioned

The minimum requirement for the decommissioning of swimming pools and spas is to cut a 1m x 1m square (minimum) hole in the base of the pool or spa at the deepest end to ensure the pool or spa can no longer retain water.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I need a compaction certificate?

If you, or any subsequent owner of the property, wish to build on the area where a below-ground pool or spa has been removed, a compaction certificate from a licensed structural engineer will be required as part of any proposed building permit application.

What do I do with the water in the pool?

The pool water must be retained within the property. It can be drained into the soakwells or onto the ground if soakwells are not available. Alternatively; the water can be drained and removed, to an appropriate disposal facility, by a contractor.

The pool water **must not** be disposed of via storm water systems.

Do I need an inspection?

Yes. Once decommissioning/removal has been completed please contact us on 1300 422 664 to book an inspection with a pool inspector.

After verifying the works have been completed the Inspector will notify the Rates Department and the pool inspection fee will be removed from future rates.

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