



City of Santa Paula Planning Department Information Bulletin No. 3 Can I Build a Swimming Pool or Spa?

Can I build a pool at my house?

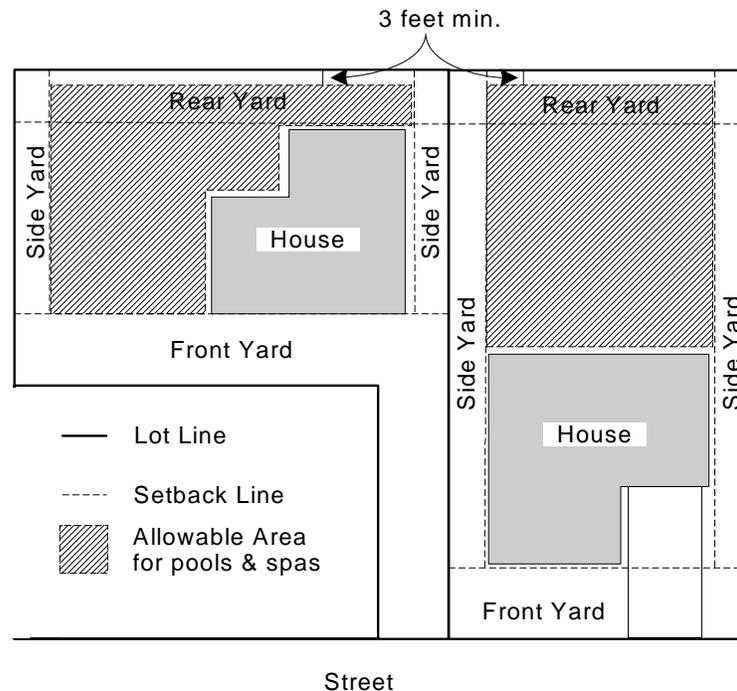
You may be able to build a pool or spa in the back yard of your house provided that your property is in a residential zone. If the home is in an industrial or commercial zone, you will not be able to build a pool or spa. To find out what zone your property is in, you can contact the Planning Department by calling 805.933.4214 (you must have either the site address or the Assessor's Parcel Number ready when you call) or you can visit the department's website and verify the zoning using the Zoning Map.

How big can my pool or spa be?

With the exception of setbacks, the Planning Department does not have a restriction on pool size (see graphic below). If your property is on a hillside, then the size could be restricted due to slope and grading constraints.

What are the setbacks that I have to take into consideration?

No swimming pool, hot tub, spa, or similar body of water, or pool equipment, may be located within 3 feet of the rear property line, or within any front or side yard setbacks. A city planner is able to tell you what the front and side setbacks are for your property, which are based on the zone the property is located in.



Do I need a building permit?

Yes! You must obtain a permit from the Building & Safety Department. For complete submittal requirements you can contact the Building & Safety Department by calling 805.933.4218.

How can I obtain more information?

For zoning information and to learn more about building a pool and/or spa contact a planner at **805.933.4214** or stop by our office at **200 S. 10th Street in Santa Paula**. You can also visit us on the world wide web at www.ci.santa-paula.ca.us/planning to review Chapter 16.52 of the Municipal Code.