

# FACT SHEET - REMOVAL OF A SWIMMING POOL

This information sheet may assist you should you be considering removing your swimming pool.

There are three basic swimming pool types.

- Above ground: where the pool is completely above the existing ground level. These pools are often purchased in kit form and can usually be assembled and dismantled with hand tools.
- In-ground: usually constructed of reinforced concrete or fibreglass.
- Semi-in-ground: where the pool is partially constructed within the ground and removal would require the use of filling material to restore the ground level.

A spa would fall within one of the above pool types and the relevant requirements for that pool type would apply to the removal of a spa.

## What sort of approval do I require ?

The removal of a swimming pool can be dealt with by lodging a Development Application with Council or under the SEPP by lodging a Complying Development Application.

## Can I partially remove the pool shell ?

No, the removal and demolition of a swimming pool requires removal of the total structure and all associated materials from the site.

## Can I leave the plumbing, pipework, cabling and any similar material in place ?

No, removal and demolition of a swimming pool includes the removal of all associated plumbing, pipework, cabling, filters and other material from the site. These materials can be taken to a licenced disposal facility.

## Can I use the pool shell and coping as filling ?

No, it is not permitted to leave remnants of the pool shell in the ground or to use portions of the pool shell and coping as filling within the pool excavation. These materials constitute demolition waste and must be removed from the site and taken to a licenced disposal facility. It is important that receipts for disposal of all demolition waste together with receipts for delivery of all clean fill, or Excavated Natural Material (ENM) used for filling, are kept as these may be requested by Council staff.

## How must I complete the filling of the pool excavation ?

Once the pool shell has been removed, the remaining excavation must be filled so as to restore the site to the ground level (existing) adjacent to the pool, taking into account any sloping of the site. The fill must be well compacted, and cannot contain any demolition waste or other contaminants.

## What material can I use to place in the excavation ?

Only clean fill or Excavated Natural Material (ENM) can be used for filling of the pool excavation. The filling must be well compacted. It is not permitted to leave remnants of the pool shell in the ground or to use portions of the pool shell and coping as filling within the pool excavation. These materials constitute demolition waste and must be removed from the site and taken to a licenced disposal facility. It is important that receipts for disposal of all demolition waste together with receipts for delivery of all material used for filling are kept as these may be requested by Council staff.

### Can I do other filling on the site at the same time as my Swimming Pool removal ?

No, only filling immediately within the pool excavation in accordance with this information sheet, and the issued approval.

### Do I need to keep any receipts ?

Yes, it is important to keep receipts for disposal of all demolition waste together with receipts for delivery of all material used for filling of the pool excavation. Council staff may request that you supply them as proof of the works undertaken. Your licenced demolisher will be familiar with correct waste disposal and will be able to provide the receipts to you. You should ensure that they are specific to the waste removed from your site, and show the address of the property.

### How do I remove my pool from the Swimming Pools Register ?

Once removal of your pool is complete, you need to ensure that it is taken off the government swimming pools register.

Our Regulatory Services Team can assist you with removal of your pool from the register if you supply them with the following information:

- Your name as property owner and a contact phone number.
- The property address and the CDC/DA approval number (where demolition approval was required).
- Where no prior approval was required, you may be asked for proof (such as photographs) that the pool has been removed from the site.
- A brief statement that the pool has been removed/demolished and is no longer required to be on the Swimming Pool Register.

### Disclaimer

This fact sheet provides a summary of the major issues regarding removal of a swimming pool. Any person using this document must do so on the basis that not every scenario and issue can be addressed, and discussion with relevant staff at Council's Customer Service Centre should be undertaken. This document is subject to change without notice.

### For further information

Should you require additional information or advice, please contact Council's Customer Service team on 9725-0222.