

## **Swimming Pools- In ground- Above ground, Storable (inflatable) Spas and Hot Tubs**

Everyone can agree that having a pool to cool off in during the warmer days of summer is enjoyable, providing that everyone, especially children are safe.

Taking all things in to account us at the building dept. of Exeter twp. Want your swimming experiences to be good safe ones. Lately, within the last few years, Storable swimming Pools have become more popular and with that convenience of portability comes the conflicts with the Michigan Residential Code and The National Electrical Code. The Michigan Residential code requires that all swimming pools (mentioned above) require a building permit and an electrical permit. The code is very specific about the Height and water depth regulations, as is the electrical code about grounding and power supply.

Most, if not all, inflatable pools do not meet the Height requirements of the Michigan residential code, and if they are used with an electrical cord over 3 feet long they are not in compliance. The Storable pools would require a 4 foot fence with a locking gate. The placement of one of these on a septic system would endanger your system and would require a waiver from the Monroe county environmental health dept.

There is nothing in the law that would prevent a retailer from selling these types of pools, and there is nothing that requires them to tell you that these could pose a potential shock and/or drowning hazard. If you have one of these pools Please come and see us at the Township Office for the proper permits. Or as a safety option when you take it down this fall, don't put it back up next spring until you have all the safety information we can provide for you.

Thank you