A demolition permit is required prior to the demolition of all swimming pools. This permit will allow an existing swimming pool to be removed or filled in.


Swimming pools shall be drained to the sanitary sewer clean out. Swimming pools shall not be drained to street, gutter, or storm drain.

If the shell of the pool is to remain, a minimum of four holes (each a minimum 1’ in diameter and the depth of the holes (2 feet)) shall be drilled into the bottom of the pool floor (one of the holes shall be at the deepest point).

- The pool shell shall be filled with crushed rock material (3/4” minimum size to 1-1/2” maximum size) for a minimum of 12” deep at the bottom and then clean fill can be added on top to match adjacent grade level.
- UNACCEPTABLE FILL MATERIAL: wood, concrete, decking material such as pebble tech, stone, brick.
- All gas, water, and sewer lines to the pool shall be securely capped off with an approved fitting (gas line is required to have a screw fitting). (CPC 722, 1206.3)
- All electrical pool equipment, including the breaker in the electrical panel, shall be removed.

If a structure is to be constructed above or near the filled area, a geotechnical report/letter prepared by a soils engineer will be required.

**Inspections**

Two (2) inspections are required for swimming pool removals. The in-progress inspection should be scheduled when the holes along the pool floor have been drilled and before the pool is filled. The final inspection should be scheduled after all work is completed.

**Use Inspection Codes:**
- 002  Site Work (in-process inspection)
- 022  Final Building Inspection

If the pool is a public pool, i.e. apartment complex, neighborhood association, hotel/motel, etc., a copy of the FINAL Approved Inspections must be mailed to SJC Environmental Health Department, 1868 E Hazelton Avenue, Stockton, CA 95205.