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Removal of Existing Inground Swimming Pools

As with all things in life an inground swimming pool reaches a point at which it may not be justifiable to maintain or renovate. If the time to remove your swimming pool has arrived please note the following procedures and requirements.

Permits Required:

- Grading Permit – A grading permit is required by the Engineering Division of the Development Services Department. The grading permit provides the administrative services and field inspections necessary to assure compliance with standard engineering practice.
- Building Permit – A building permit is required by the Building Division of the Development Services Department. The building permit serves a number of important administrative and inspection purposes. Firstly, it provides an avenue for informing the County Assessor with information regarding the pools removal. This will update your assessment information. Secondly, the building inspector will witness the removal and securing of all electrical and plumbing services that formally served the pool and subsequent equipment.

Procedures Required:

- Remove decking, coping and pool sides to a point three (3) feet below grade.
- Break up pool bottom completely.
- Call for an Engineering Division inspection at this point prior to importing fill.
- Install clean fill as required. NOTE: The final two feet must be compacted to a level of 90%. This may require several steps including compaction at every two feet by the use of a roller or motorized compactor. The City of Pittsburg takes no responsibility for the final compaction data. Please be aware that insufficient compaction may result in excessive settlement and ponding.
- Disconnect and remove pool equipment.
- Remove utility conduit and piping to a point deemed safe by the Building Division. Typically this point would be to a location at the residence.
- Call for a “Final” inspection from both the Engineering Division and the Building Division.