

Rules and Regulations of the Water Department

Article VII SWIMMING POOLS

1. Swimming pools connected to the municipal water supply shall be connected with an approved backflow prevention device as determined by the DPW Director.
 - a. Said device shall be inspected initially upon its installation and before the swimming pool system is activated.
 - b. Said device shall be tested annually thereafter by employees of the Water Department or its designee in accordance with Article V, Cross Connections.
 - c. A testing fee of \$75.00 shall be charged for each testing.
2. Any property owner who has an existing swimming pool connected to the municipal water supply shall register said system and obtain a permit from the Chatham Water Department no later than January 1st, 2018.
3. Any property owner who has the intention to install a new swimming pool connected to the municipal water supply shall register the system and obtain a permit from the Chatham Water Department prior to the actual installation.
4. Swimming pools connected to the municipal water supply shall be placed on a separate water meter.
 - a. Existing swimming pools not already on a separate water meter shall be retrofitted, at the customer's expense, with a separate water meter no later than January 1, 2020.
 - a-b. New swimming pools shall have a separate water meter installed, at the customer's expense, at the time of installation of the swimming pool.
 - b-c. Swimming pools connected to the municipal water supply with a separate water meter shall not be charged the winter minimum service charge for said meter.
 - e-d. Properties with both a swimming pool and irrigation system may have a single water meter serving both.
- 2.5. As of April 1st, 2018 the Chatham Water Department shall not allow the initial filling, or subsequent draining and re-filling, of swimming pools from the municipal water supply.
6. Nonconformance with the above shall result in disconnection from the municipal water supply system upon 10 days written notice to the property owner.
7. Violations of this regulation will be subject to the provisions of the Regulation of the Town of Chatham regarding non-criminal disposition, according to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, § 21D and the Town of Chatham Bylaws.
 - a. Enforcement of this regulation shall be by the Chatham DPW or its designee, including the Chatham Police Department.

b. Penalties:

i. Prior to January 1, 2020

1. In the case of a first violation, a written Warning to the property owner of record by certified mail return receipt requested.
2. In the case of a second violation after 7 days have elapsed following a written Warning, a fine of One Hundred dollars (\$100).
3. In the case of a third or more violation(s) after 7 days have elapsed following a 2nd Violation, a fine of Two Hundred dollars (\$200). Each day's failure to comply shall constitute a separate violation.

ii. On or After January 1, 2020

1. In the case of a first violation, a written Warning to the property owner of record by certified mail return receipt requested.
2. In the case of a second violation after 7 days have elapsed following a written Warning, a fine of One Hundred dollars (\$100).
3. In the case of a third violation after 7 days have elapsed following a 2nd Violation, a fine of Two Hundred dollars (\$200).
4. In the case of a fourth or more violation(s) after 7 days have elapsed following a third violation shall result in disconnection of the swimming pool water meter.