



# WEST BRADFORD TOWNSHIP

*"Between the Brandywines"*



## **Pool & Hot Tub Regulations**

For safety reasons, the Township requires barriers that completely enclose any swimming pool, hot tub, or spa that is over two feet deep. Barriers for swimming pools are usually fences and barriers for portable hot tubs are usually safety covers. Fixed hot tubs and spas, such as those permanently mounted in a deck, are treated as pools.

Safety barriers must be at least four feet high measured from the outside of the fence and non-climbable. These fences must be at least five feet from property lines. All exterior entrances into the area must have self-closing and locking gates. All doors leading from a residence to the pool must have audible alarms. Above ground pools having steps or ladders of any kind, or whose sides are less than four feet from ground level, must have a code compliant barrier.

Hot tub and spa safety covers must be UL approved and bear a label indicating compliance with "ASTM 1346-91" specifications.

The codes and requirements for these barriers are very specific and extend beyond the scope of this article. We suggest that you contact our Codes Department at (610) 269-4174 and speak to them before purchasing or installing a pool, hot tub or spa.