

Disused Pool Safety Issues and De-registration

Disused Pools

Swimming pool safety is a prime concern for Somerset Regional Council. The maintenance of a compliant pool and its enclosure is the joint responsibility of the property owner and the occupier of the property depending on the circumstances.

A non-maintained pool will also become the source of unwanted odours and habitat to mosquito breeding and other unwanted critters. A leaky pool structure may be even a source of water loss and the effect of excessive soil moisture can smell musty and have an undesirable effect on the foundations of adjacent buildings.

Where a swimming pool is disused or no longer required, the owner or occupier should be diligent in managing the matters included above so that they are no longer a concern for the property, its neighbours or the Council.

Please Advise Us

The removal or demolition of a swimming pool needs to be recorded by Somerset Regional Council as the relevant Local Authority and also amended on the State Government's Pool Safety Register.

Owners or occupiers of the property where a swimming pool has been removed are asked to advise Council in writing or by email via the contacts below. No fee for this administrative advice and action.

This will ensure that building records are accurate at Council and the Council's Pool Safety Inspector has the ability to amend the details on the State Pool Safety Register.

Removing a Swimming Pool

The clean-up of sites where removal of a pool occurs includes the removal of all material, slabs, and plumbing / drainage components. All demolition waste is to be removed from site and deposited at an approved waste disposal facility. All holes are required to be backfilled in a compacted manner to reduce subsequent subsidence. Normal workplace health and safety requirements should be observed during the works. The site is to be left in a state that will ensure the ability of mowing contractors to be able to perform without obstruction.

If you are giving the pool away for re-erection elsewhere, the new owners have to obtain an approval prior to commencing construction. (Refer to info sheet on new pools.)

If you need further assistance, please contact the building department on (07) 5424 4000.

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