



## INFORMATION SHEET – DECOMMISSIONING SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS

### Decommissioning Swimming Pools or Spas

When a pool or spa is no longer wanted, the structure will be removed by deflating, dismantling, excavating and lifting out, or complete demolition. Demolition material should be removed from site and taken to an approved disposal site – waste materials from the pool or spa removal cannot be buried on site. Any remaining excavation/holes are required to be filled with soil endemic to the site and compacted in 300mm layers.

### What constitutes decommissioning?

A pool or spa is considered decommissioned when;

- It cannot hold 300mm or more of water
- Access is removed, and
- Filtration system is removed.

Some owners choose to remove access to the pool by constructing decks/covers over them. If you choose this option a building permit will be required prior to constructing the deck/cover.

### Local Government Notification

When a pool or spa is decommissioned, the Shire of Peppermint Grove (Shire) must be notified with a photo of the pools removal provided, this can then be used to update the Shire's pool register. This will also ensure that the property is not levied for a swimming pool charge. Once the Shire has removed the pool from its pool register the property owner will be notified.

### Reinstating a Pool or Spa

Once a pool is removed or decommissioned it cannot be reinstated or recommissioned without first notifying the Shire of Peppermint Grove. A building permit application will be required if you wish to reinstate a decommissioned pool.

### Further Technical Advice

The Shire contracts the City of Nedlands to undertake swimming pool barrier inspections. The City of Nedlands can be contacted on 9273 3500 for further information.

The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) produces a detailed Best Practice Note: Decommissioning and/or Removal of Swimming Pools or Spas [Swimming Pools Spas Decommission Removal Practice Note 2018.pdf](#)