

Seacoast Pool & Spa Readies 2027 Builds for Jan. 1 Pool Code Deadline

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Seacoast Pool and Spa, an owner-managed in-ground pool builder, is reviewing its 2027 pool plans against the updated New Hampshire State Building Code. Beginning January 1, 2027, every new building permit application in the state must follow the 2024 code editions, including the 2024 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.

New Hampshire's updated building code took effect July 1, 2026, replacing the 2021 International Code Council editions with the 2024 editions. A six-month transition runs through December 31, 2026, during which applicants may file under either edition, according to state and municipal building officials. Applications completed before January 1 may continue under the rules in effect when they were received. The 2023 National Electrical Code, which governs pool wiring and bonding, has applied statewide since July 1, 2025.

The legislature enacted the update through House Bill 1159, which the governor signed on May 8, 2026. According to the state's courtesy summary of building code amendments, New Hampshire's only change to

the 2024 pool code replaces its administrative chapter, so the technical requirements apply as the International Code Council published them.

Among the changes the council lists for the 2024 edition, a screen enclosure, in part or in whole, can count toward the barrier required around a pool when it is designed to withstand wind loads. Steps and risers on residential pool decks must also meet the dimensions set by the International Residential Code. Under the state's administrative rules, pool construction documents must be drawn to scale and show in detail that the work conforms to the code.

Most towns in the state require a permit for an in-ground pool. For homeowners planning a pool for next season, the practical effect is that a design filed on or after January 1 will be reviewed under the 2024 standards. Requirements and review times still vary from town to town, so the local building department remains the authority on what each project needs.

"Every pool plan gets checked against the rules that will govern it before any work is scheduled," said Noah, owner of Seacoast Pool and Spa. "Settling those details on paper is far easier than changing them once the ground is open."

The company recommends that homeowners schedule design consultations in winter or early spring. It schedules installations from late spring through early fall, when the weather allows concrete to cure and equipment to go in before a hard freeze. Each project begins with an onsite meeting at which the owner walks the property and sets the pool's size, shape, and placement.

"Dover's building department lists 10 to 14 business days for a permit review, and an application does not move to review until every required document is attached," Noah said. "A design settled over the winter can go in complete."

Seacoast Pool and Spa builds custom vinyl liner in-ground pools through a 10-step process that runs from the on-site meeting through excavation, wall and stair placement, concrete work, plumbing, liner installation, and a final walkthrough. The concrete collar holds the structure in place through New England winters' freeze-thaw cycles. Equipment is specified for local conditions, including freeze-resistant plumbing configurations and safety covers engineered for snow loads. The owner oversees each project from the first consultation to handover.

About Seacoast Pool and Spa

Seacoast Pool and Spa, also operating as Seacoast Custom Pools LLC, is an owner-managed pool contractor established in 2024 and based in Dover, New Hampshire. The company builds custom vinyl liner in-ground pools, installs hot tubs, and pours concrete pool decks for homeowners in southern New Hampshire. It is licensed and insured and is open Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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