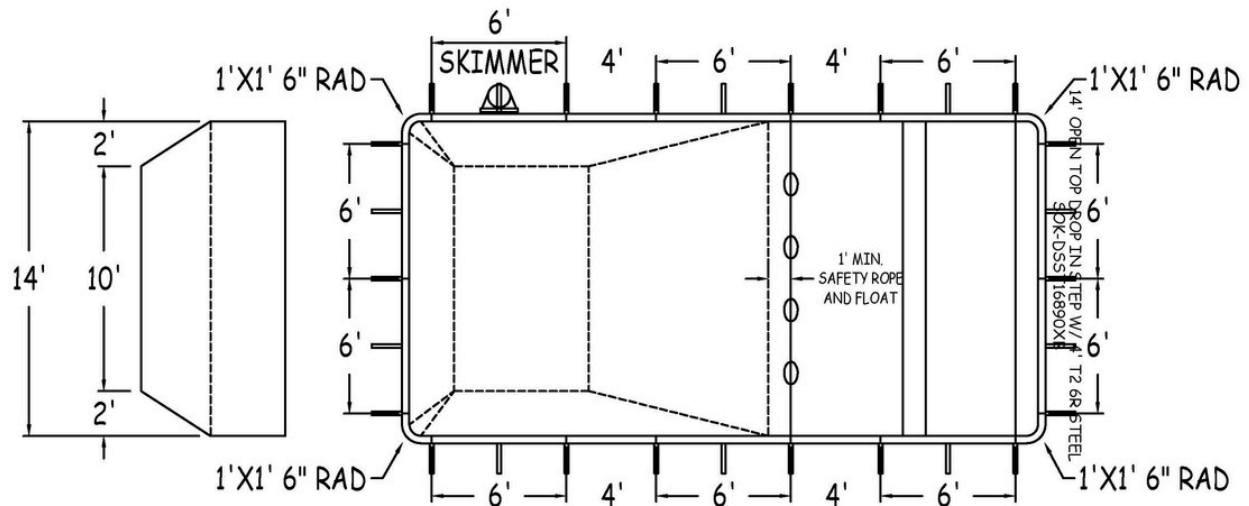


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## Year to Date Statistics

Single Family Homes:	450
Residential Alterations:	121
Residential Equipment Change Outs:	833
Swimming Pools:	67
Decks:	51
Commercial Multi-Family:	14
Commercial Alterations:	51
Commercial Signs:	31
Inspections Performed:	18,125
Residential Plan Reviews Completed:	1,398
Commercial Plan Reviews Completed:	434

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# Backyard & Pool Safety



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## IMPORTANT TIPS

To Remember For  
Backyard and Pool Safety



- 1 Make sure all pedestrian gates in the barrier fence for your pool are self-closing and self-latching. Other gates should be equipped with a locking device and should be locked. Gates should swing outwards away from the pool.
- 2 Remove all chairs, tables, large toys, pool equipment or other objects within 45 inch radius of fence that would allow a child to climb up to reach the gate latch or enable the child to climb over the pool isolation fence. Chain link fences should have a mesh opening of 1 3/4 inches or smaller. Repair any opening in fencing that would allow the passage of a 4 inch diameter sphere.
- 3 Reaching and throwing aids like poles should be kept on both sides of the pool. These items should remain stationary and not be misplaced through play activities.
- 4 All pool and hot tub drains (suction outlets) must have a cover or grate that meets industry standards for suction fittings marked to indicate compliance with ANSI/ASME A112.19.8 2007 (Suction Fittings For Use in Swimming Pools, Wading Pools, Spas, and Hot Tubs) or the successor standard ANSI/APSP/ICC 16-2017 (Suction Outlet Fitting Assemblies for Use in Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs). Check to see that these covers are not broken or in disrepair, and that they are anchored firmly over the drain openings. The pool should be closed immediately when broken, missing or noncompliant suction outlet drain covers are first noticed.
- 5 Install a pool alarm to detect accidental or unauthorized entrance into the water. While the alarm provides an immediate warning, it is not a substitute for the barrier fences, door alarms and safety covers required by the code.
- 6 Install either an automatic or manually operated, approved safety cover to completely block access to water in the pool, spa or hot tub. The covers should comply with ASTM F1346 (Standard Performance Specification for Safety Covers and Labeling Requirements for All Covers for Swimming Pools, Spas and Hot Tubs). Never allow anyone to stand or play on a pool cover.
- 7 Check for warning signs of an unsafe deck, including loose or wobbly railings or support beams, missing or loose screws that connect a deck to the house, corrosion, rot and cracks.
- 8 Where present, a barbeque grill shall be placed away from siding, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches. Do not use grills in a garage, porch or enclosed area that could trap carbon monoxide. Never grill on top of anything that can easily burn.
- 9 Keep children away from grills when in use. Establish a safety zone around the grill and instruct the children to remain outside of the zone. A chalk line works great for this purpose. Never leave the grill unattended.
- 10 When grilling, have a fire extinguisher, a garden hose or several gallons of water close by in case of a fire.

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The Starting  
Lineup



Going Into  
Overtime





## DIGITAL TRANSITION PAVES WAY FOR RECORD-SETTING PERMITS, INSPECTIONS

Delaware County Building Safety set a new record for inspections performed and permits issued in 2024.

After rolling out a fully electronic document and scheduling system a year earlier, the department logged 36,789 inspections, a 10% increase.

The department also issued a record number of permits, bolstered by commercial building demand, a category in which the number of permits issued reached a seven-year high in 2024.

Flood rate maps for Delaware County were updated in 2024 after completion of a flood study the prior year.

The Ohio Building Code was also updated in 2024 as part of a state initiative to reform the Ohio Administrative Code by targeting duplicative provisions, outdated sections and unnecessary requirements.



## Upcoming Holiday Schedule

Juneteenth

Thursday, June 19, 2025

Independence Day

Friday, July 4, 2025

