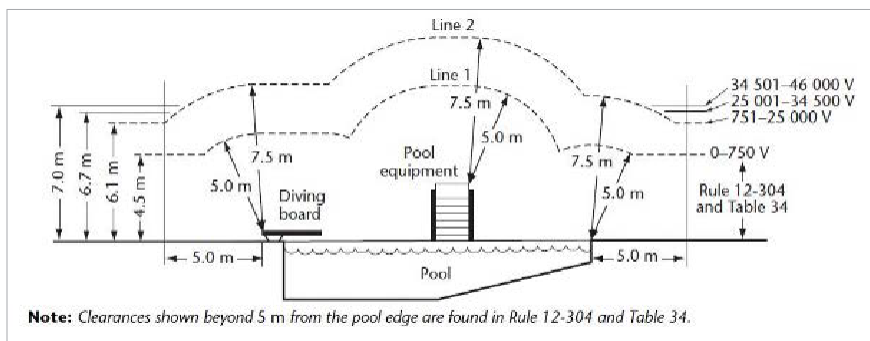


## What you need to know about Pools and Hot Tubs

### Installing a pool or hot tub?

Be aware of overhead conductors. The following diagram is a very useful tool in helping evaluate if the existing conductors are an acceptable distance away in accordance with Rule 68-054. You should also consult with the Local Distribution Company (LDC) to determine their clearance requirements to their lines as well. Some LDC's do not permit any overhead wiring over a pool or hot tub.

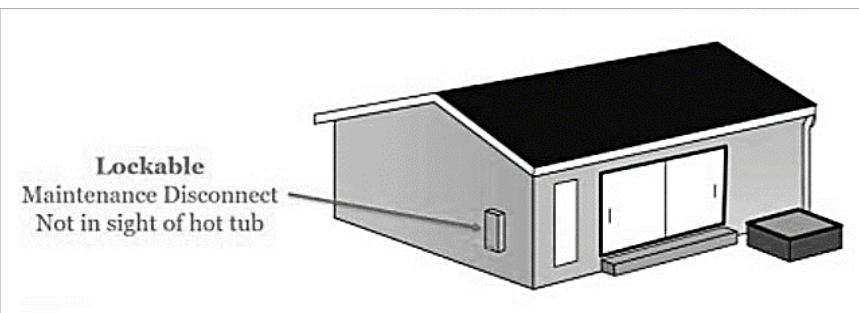


If there are no overhead conductors, be aware of the clearance requirements from underground wiring near pools in accordance with Rule 68-056.

### Installing a hot tub?

Did you know that the OESC has rules regarding disconnect location? The disconnect is required to be readily accessible, located outdoors when the equipment is located outside of a dwelling and capable of being locked in the open position when not within sight of the equipment. The disconnect shall not be closer than 1.5 m unless behind a permanent barrier that will prevent the occupant of the hot tub or spa from contacting the device. In addition if the switch is located within 3 m of the tub, it must be GFCI protected by a device located at least 3 m away from the tub.

See Bulletin 68-7-\* Swimming pool, hot tub and spa installations for additional information. Rules 68-068, 68-072.



**If you are digging a trench, always remember when burying both electrical and gas in the same trench, you must follow these rules:**

- Where possible, electrical wiring and other services that parallel each other in the trench shall be separated horizontally by a minimum of 300 mm within the trench.
- Where electrical wiring and other service cross over each other, they shall be separated vertically by a minimum 300 mm at the point of crossing.
- Note the marking requirement for buried electrical wiring is contained in OESC Bulletin 12-2-21 "Underground cable installations and cables for submarine use". Visit [ESAsafe.com/Bulletins](https://www.esasafe.com/Bulletins) for details.

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