



# 802.10 Pools and Spas

## Overview

The 2020 NGBS Chapter 8 included a new practice that states that buildings with a pool and/or spa must have a dedicated meter to measure the amount of water used by the pool and/or spa. The wording of the practice is unambiguous – it states a pool and spa **shall have a** dedicated meter (see below). However, the **ICC-700 National Green Building Standard** was printed without the obligatory “M” that designates when specific practices are mandatory. This has created some confusion about what is required for compliance.

### **802.10 Pools and spas.**

**802.10.1** Pools and Spas with water surface area greater than 36 sq. ft. and connected to a water supply shall have a dedicated meter to measure the amount of water supplied to the pool or spa.

- (1) Automated motorized non-permeable pool cover that covers the entire pool surface.

## Guidance

This clarification is intended to confirm that where a pool and/or spa is present on any property with residential buildings seeking NGBS Green Certification, it must have a dedicated meter to measure the amount of water supplied to the pool or spa. If a property has both a pool and spa, it is sufficient for the property to have a single outdoor water meter or submeter to monitor water usage for both outdoor features. It is considered a “dedicated” meter as it is separate from the building’s water meter.

At the time of writing this interpretation, the 2024 NGBS is under development and the Consensus Committee has corrected the misprint for any future version.