Clean Water At A Glance

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Swimming pools and hot tubs contain a variety of products including chlorine, salt and acid, and filter media (sand and diatomaceous earth) that should not be discharged into the storm drainage system. If or when discharged to a storm drain the water flows untreated to our local streams and rivers where it can be harmful to wildlife.

The best option is to discharge chlorinated water to the wastewater treatment plant through your sanitary sewer system. Chlorinated water should **NEVER** be discharged to the stormwater system. If you cannot discharge the water to your sanitary sewer system you may dispose of the water on a grassy or landscaped area if you follow the appropriate steps.

Proper Disposal of Chlorinated Water

Shut off chlorination system or stop adding chlorine prior to disposing of water.

Hold water in pool or hot tub for two weeks to allow chlorine to dissipate (one week if using for irrigation).

If using water for irrigation discharge water where it **WILL NOT** flow into nearby storm drains or streams. Measure chlorine level- chlroine can kill plants.

Measure chlorine level with a chlorine test kit. If there is **ANY** chlorine detected you **CAN NOT** discharge water where it will flow into a storm drain, stream, or river.

Never discharge water onto someone else's property.

Avoid discharging water in ways that causes ponding of water for lengthy periods of time. Ponded water creates odors and fly and mosquito breeding conditions.

Filter Backwash Water

Filter backwash water should **NEVER** be discharged to the storm system. Backwash from pool filters must be discharged to the wastewater treatment plant. Backwash water has high concentrations of chlorine and other harmful chemicals. If you rinse cartridge filters, do so into a container or a filter cloth. Bag and dispose of collected debris in the garbage.

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