



Swimming Pool Discharge and Drainage

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DISPOSING OF SWIMMING POOL, SPA, OR FOUNTAIN WATER

Water from a swimming pool, spa, or fountain should typically be drained into the sanitary sewer system. The Union Sanitary District requires that any such discharged water be screened or filtered to prevent solids/debris (such as dietamatiuous earth from filters) from entering the sanitary system. Dispose of the solids/debris by placing them in a garbage can for pick-up by Waste Management. Any additional questions can be directed to the Union Sanitary District at (510) 477-7500.

Although not recommended, pool, spa, or fountain water can also be drained to the storm drain system, but only after all of the following conditions have been satisfied:

- The water must be dechlorinated
- The water must be at air/standing temperature
- The water must not contain any copper-based algae control products
- There are no solids/debris in the water

Illicit discharge of pool, spa, or fountain water can negatively impact the water quality of nearby creeks and San Francisco Bay. Please be advised that property owners and/or their contractors may be held liable for any such illicit discharges.