

Construction & Repair

Pool excavation dewatering

During pool construction, water may accumulate within the pool excavation. To avoid this, schedule pool construction work during the dry season (April 1 through September 30). Scheduling work at this time will also help minimize tracking of mud from your back yard onto the street. It is illegal to discharge sediment or polluted water from your pool excavation to the storm drain or waterway, or to the sanitary sewer (without permission). Approval to discharge to the sanitary sewer may include limitations and requirements for treatment, discharge location, and discharge times. See Vallejo Sanitation & Flood Control District contact information on back panel.

If your swimming pool has diatomaceous earth or sand filters, you should consider installing a permanent indirect plumbing connection to the sanitary sewer. Contact Vallejo Sanitation for sewer connection permit guidelines.

Managing wastes

During pool construction, contain all waste materials and dispose of them properly.



Disposing of Unwanted Pool and Spa Chemicals

Most unwanted pool chemicals must be disposed as hazardous waste. Pool owners, pool maintenance companies, and other businesses that generate small amounts of hazardous waste can contact the Vallejo-Napa Household Hazardous Waste Facility at 889 Devlin Road, or phone (800) 984-9661 for hours and directions.

Generally, disposal at the household hazardous waste facility is free for residents. There may be a fee for businesses.



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Keep Pools and Spas ...



*from polluting our
creeks, lakes and
ocean*

Pools, Spas, Hot Tubs, Fountains

Did you know that you may harm your local creek or lake if you drain your swimming pool or spa water into the gutter? Water in pools and spas is treated with a variety of chemicals (such as chlorine and algaecides); if that water is discharged to a storm drain, it will eventually reach a creek or river where the chemicals cause harm.

It is illegal to discharge chlorinated swimming pool water or pool water that contains biocides or other chemicals to the storm drain system. This brochure explains where to discharge water when you need to drain your pool, spa, hot tub, or fountain. It also explains how to properly dispose of pool-related wastes and how to protect water quality while constructing and repairing a pool.



Draining Your Pool or Spa Use the Sanitary Sewer

If you need to drain your pool or spa, it must be discharged to the sanitary sewer. The sewer pipes convey the water to the wastewater treatment plant, which is designed to remove most chemicals found in pools and spas. Your pool may have a permanent indirect connection to the sanitary sewer. If not, you can pump the water from the pool or spa into an interior laundry sink or other plumbing fixture or to a sewer cleanout (typically located in your front and/or back yard). Please call us at (707) 644-8949 ext. 260 for a free Discharge Permit.

Never open a manhole to discharge the water!

When discharging water to the sanitary sewer, make sure the flow rate is slow enough that it does not cause the sewer to back up and overflow into your house, your neighbor's house or onto the street.

Remember to maintain the proper chemical balance and filtration in your pool, fountain, or hot tub. This will minimize the need to drain the water and prevent unnecessary corrosion of copper pipes and equipment.

If you discharge (or hire someone to discharge) pool water to a storm drain, you may be subject to enforcement action because pool water can cause environmental problems downstream. If you hire a pool maintenance company, protect yourself by making sure they follow all discharge requirements.

