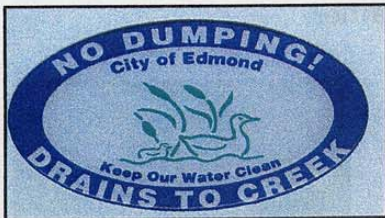


Guidelines to Follow

- Never clean a filter in the street, gutter or stormdrain.
- Rinse cartridge filters onto a dirt area and spade filter residue into the soil.
- Keep backwash discharges out of the street and stormdrain.
- Backwash sand and diatomaceous earth filters onto a dirt area, and dispose of spent filter materials in the trash.



Help Protect our Waterways.....



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Citizen's Guide



Properly Draining Swimming Pools & Spas

Stormwater Runoff Pollution

Did you know that draining pools, spas, and fountains to stormdrains can pollute our creeks, ponds, and Arcadia Lake? This is because the water from stormdrains flows directly into our waterways without treatment. Stormdrains are not designed to remove chemicals such as chlorine, copper, and filter backwash from pool water.

Chemicals found in pool water are toxic to fish. Chlorine damages fish gills which can cause fish to drown; bromine doesn't break down and also kills fish. Copper, used to kill algae in the filter system, may also kill algae that aquatic animals eat. In addition, pool water can be warmer than creek and lake water - a sudden shift in temperature can be deadly to aquatic life.



Disposal Options

If draining is necessary, don't drain chlorinated pool water into a street, gutter, or stormdrain. This is a violation of Edmond City Codes and you could be fined.

The City does, however, allow chlorinated discharge water to be disposed into a sanitary sewer clean-out.



The clean-out is usually located next to the house at the point closest to the city sewer line and usually outside a bathroom or kitchen. On some older homes, the clean-out is located in the wall. On other homes, it is at ground level but may be hidden by landscaping. New homes typically have two clean-out pipes leading to the sewer line. A threaded cap, usually black and 3 to 4 inches in diameter, covers the opening.

Disposal Options Continued

Some pools have their own sewer connection so you can drain your pool directly into the sewer system rather than using the clean-out.



Another option is to de-chlorinate the water and use it to irrigate landscaping as long as it does not flow onto any neighboring property. This is a great option for homeowners with septic tanks. Water can be de-chlorinated by using chemicals found in pool supply stores or by removing the chlorine supply and allowing the water to sit for 3-4 days in sunny weather.

