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Pool owners should use sanitary sewer lines to drain swimming pool

Swimming pool owners planning to drain their pool after Labor Day should use **proper procedures** when discharging chlorinated pool water.

Fines can range from \$200 to \$1,000 per violation for draining swimming pool water into a street or storm drain.

“The best way to drain your pool and backwash your pool filtration unit is through a sanitary sewer line,” said Environmental Unit Supervisor Raymond Melton.

This method is environmentally friendly and allows the chlorinated pool water and other pool maintenance chemicals to be treated before entering City creeks and streams. Pool chemicals with disinfectants have pollutants that can negatively impact fish and plants.

Citizens should remove any large items that could clog the sanitary sewer line before discharging. Where no sanitary sewer line is available, water should be dechlorinated and tested before draining the pool.

Residents should avoid draining their pool during heavy rain since it could cause backups in sanitary sewer lines.

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