



# City of Fair Oaks Ranch Stormwater Pollution Prevention

## How to Dispose Chlorinated Water from your Swimming Pool and/or Spa

Sec.013 Illicit Discharges

(c) Prohibited Discharges

(K) Any swimming pool water or filter backwash from a swimming pool or fountain, discharge from a water line if it has been disinfected by super-chlorination, any other chemical has been used in line disinfection, or other means and the total residual chlorine exceeds the Surface Water Quality Standard of the State of Texas.

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Street drains and storm drains lead to rivers, lakes, stream, and creeks. Chlorine, bromine, algaecides, biocides, water conditioners, stabilizers, and other chemicals in pool water are toxic to the environment.



Drain dechlorinated pool/spa water to the grass/turf/or any area on your property that will allow the water to percolate into the ground,

- Please do not cause flooding of your neighbor's property or any other adjacent property.
- Make sure the land area is sufficient to prevent erosion and runoff into a ditch, creek, or other conveyance (i.e. storm drain).
- Do not cause harm to the environment.

In addition to slowly watering your property, this water can be used to irrigate plants, saturate dry ground, or soak into mulched areas.

De-chlorination is essential to legally discharging your pool. High levels of chlorine can harm the surrounding ecosystem.



- De-chlorinate Naturally: Allow the water to sit in the sun for 1 week without adding any chlorine; or

De-chlorinate Alternative:

- Use a chemical dechlorination additive (contact your local pool store for options).
- Verify water is dechlorinated with a pool testing kit.

If you are not interested in using your property to drain your pool/spa water you may drain into the sanitary sewer. Most in-ground pools have a drain line connected to the sanitary sewer which can be used once the pool water has been dechlorinated.

Follow these steps:

- Locate the sanitary sewer cleanout on your property or an indoor drain such as a sink or bathtub.
- Using a hose, connect a siphon or sump pump that pumps no more than 50 gallons per minute.
- Pump the water from the pool or spa to the cleanout or indoor drain.
- Replace all cleanout covers when finished.



**DO NOT drain swimming pool or spa water into your SEPTIC SYSTEM as it may cause system failure.**

Remember to dispose of unwanted pool chemicals at the next Household Hazardous Wastecollection event.



If any of the following items do not identify with the pool/spa water you wish to dispose of, consider use of a pool maintenance company to properly dispose of pool water:

- The pool or spa is completely dechlorinated.
- The pH of the water is between 6.5 and 8.5
- There is no discharge of filter media.
- There is no discharge of acid cleaning wastes.
- Discharge water will not pond or flow to neighboring properties.

