



CITY OF SANTEE

Swimming Pool, Spa, & Fountain Maintenance

Runoff from pool, spa, and fountain maintenance pollutes our water. Pollutants typically associated with these activities include chlorine, pH, sediment, algae, and copper.



WHERE DOES IT GO?

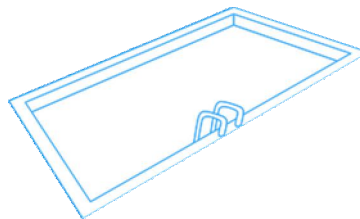
To the San Diego River & Ocean

The storm drain system is separate from the sewer system. All the water that enters these drains ends up in our creeks, rivers, and ultimately the Pacific Ocean completely untreated!

DID YOU KNOW?

Removing Large Amounts of Water Can Damage Your Pool.

According to the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals, pools only need to be drained if a structural repair requires it. If your pool does not require an extensive repair, remove and replace only 1/3 of the volume, to maintain good water quality.

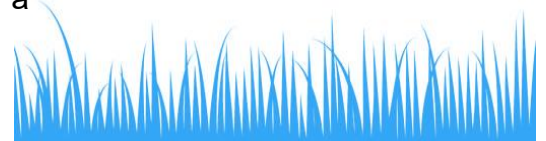


CAN IT BE DISCHARGED INTO THE STORM DRAIN?

No. Non-storm water, water other than rain, may not be discharged into the storm water system; including de-chlorinated pool water.

HOW DO I CLEAN MY FILTERS?

Clean filters, cartridges, and other diatomaceous materials over a lawn, dirt, planter box, vegetated hillside, or something that can absorb the discharge. Collect materials on piece of cloth, then throw the cloth away.



WHAT DO I DO WITH MY POOL, SPA, AND/OR FOUNTAIN WATER?

- **DE-CHLORINATE** water and drain to vegetated areas on site.
- **DON'T** let your money go down the drain! It's your water, reuse it!
- **STORE** water in rain barrels/storage containers to reuse on landscaping at a later time.
- **DRAIN** water to sewer cleanout, bathtub, or sink.

If you retain a pool company to take care of your pool, please make sure that they comply with these regulations. By doing your part, you will help reduce water pollution in the community where your family lives, works, and plays.