

Good Cleaning Practices

Pool Operations

Storm drains connect directly to our local streams, creeks, and rivers. Unlike the water from our taps, water flowing into the storm drains is not treated and will pollute the environment.



Discharging to a Vegetated Area

Pool water may be allowed to enter a vegetated area ONLY if these steps are followed:

- Chlorine concentration is lowered below 0.01.
- pH is between 6.0-8.0.
- Discharge is filtered and free of sediment, debris, or algae.
- Discharge water away from storm drains, other stormwater conveyances, and natural waterways.
- Water is discharged at a slow rate so it does not damage storm sewer infrastructure or stream banks.



Discharging to the Pubic Sanitary Sewer

Pool water may be allowed to enter the sanitary sewer system ONLY if these steps are followed:

- Chlorine concentration is lowered below 0.01.
- Use a sewer cleanout or household drain (NEVER use a manhole or indoor fixture to discharge pool water to the sanitary sewer).
- A licensed plumber ensures plumbing is adequate to accept the rate of flow from the pool.
- Never drain pool water into a septic system.
- Coordinate discharges to the sanitary sewer with Loudoun Water.



Saltwater Pools

Only discharge to a sanitary sewer.

- Follow criteria for discharging to the sanitary sewer above.



Cleaning Pool Filters

Rinse cartridge filters and spade filter residue into soil.

- If using a diatomaceous earth (DE) filter, backwash to soil, but collect spent earth and dispose of in garbage.



Disposal of Chemicals

Most pool chemicals must be disposed as hazardous waste.

- For the collection of hazardous waste by Loudoun County visit www.loudoun.gov/hhw.



Report Illegal Dumping or Spills By One of the Following:

- Call the Stormwater Complaint Hotline at (703) 777-0117
- Send an email to stormwater@loudoun.gov
- Visit www.loudoun.gov/stormwater-complaint
- Use the Mobile App Loudoun Express Request (Lex) www.loudoun.gov/lex

Visit www.loudoun.gov/hhw for proper disposal options of Household Hazardous Waste