

CITY OF POMONA

STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PROGRAM



Swimming Pool and Spa Cleaning

Did You Know...

- Copper is a pollutant that threatens aquatic life in our creeks and Ocean. It is used as an algaecide in pools, spas, and fountains, and copper pipes are commonly used in pool plumbing.
- Draining pools, spas and fountains to storm drains can pollute creeks with copper, chlorine, sediments, and other contaminants.
- Storm drains flow directly into our creeks and the Ocean without wastewater treatment.
- A properly maintained pool, spa, and fountain will reduce the need for draining.

Maintaining Your Pool, Spa or Fountain...

- Minimize algae buildup to prevent the need for toxic algaecides.
- Clean regularly, maintain proper chlorine levels, and maintain water filtration and circulation.
- Manage pH and water hardness to minimize copper pipe corrosion that can stain your pool and end up in our creeks and the Bay.
- Ask your pool maintenance service for help resolving persistent algae problems without using copper algaecides.

Cleaning...

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

Draining...

- Don't drain directly to a street, gutter, or storm drain.
- Swimming pool/spas water must be dechlorinated or debrominated. Chlorine residual in the discharge shall not exceed 0.1 mg/L.
- Don't drain pool or spa water containing any detergents, wastes, or algaecides, or any other chemicals including salts from salt water pools.
- Swimming pool/spa discharges are to be pH adjusted and be within the range of 6.5 and 8.5 standard units.
- Discharge water to a landscaped area to promote evaporation and/or infiltration.
- Contact City at least 72 hours prior to planned discharge for discharges of one acre-foot or more.

Environmental Concerns, Call (909) 620-3628
Water Watcher 24-Hour Reporting Line, Call (909) 620-2244
To Report Illegal Storm Water Discharges, Call 1(888) CLEAN LA

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