

# Only Rain Down the Drain

## WHY BE CONCERNED?

Pool water may contain:

- Soaps and dirt
- Oil and grease
- Toxic chemicals
- Heavy metals

## What does a sanitary sewer clean-out look like?



Look on your property for a small circular cap on a pipe, with a raised square or mushroom-shaped cone on it, sticking out of your house or out of the ground. These caps often cover clean-outs.



OR...

Look on your property for a concrete or metal cover marked "SEWER," "C.O." or "S." Clean-outs are often located under them.



In either case, remove the cap and place the hose in the pipe to drain. To prevent backflow, don't let the end of the hose touch the bottom of the sewer pipe while draining.



**It is the responsibility of the business owner to train staff on proper spill and clean-up procedures and stormwater BMPs. Failure to comply with this request may result in the issuance of an administrative citation or fines that accrue daily. Learn more about this at [www.cccleanwater.org](http://www.cccleanwater.org).**

# Helpful Resources



Visit [ourwaterourworld.org](http://ourwaterourworld.org) for more information about eco-friendly algicides and visit [cccleanwater.org](http://cccleanwater.org) about discharging water to a sanitary sewer cleanout.

Get approval from your Wastewater Treatment Authority to discharge your pool, spa, or fountains safely to a sewer.

Apply for a **fee-free permit** from your sanitation district here:

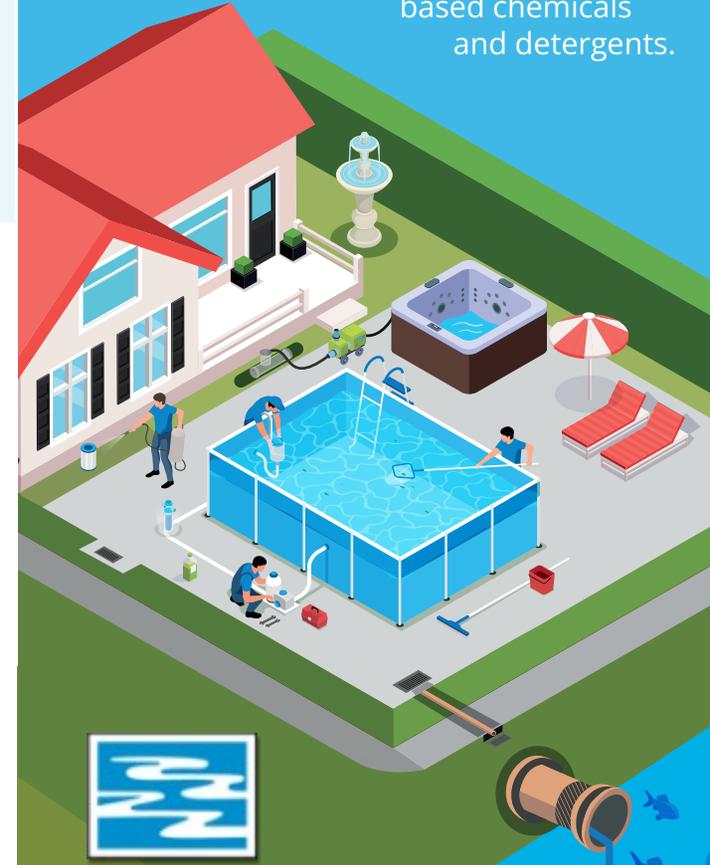
## Wastewater Treatment Authorities

Byron Sanitary District	(925) 634-3613
Central Contra Costa Sanitary District	(925) 229-7288
City of Brentwood	(925) 516-6060
City of Hercules	(510) 724-8963
City of Pinole	(510) 724-8963
City of Richmond	(510) 412-2009
Crockett Sanitary Department	(510) 787-2992
Delta Diablo Sanitation District	(925) 756-1900
Dublin San Ramon Services District	(925) 875-2336
East Bay Municipal Utility District	(510) 287-1651
Ironhouse Sanitary District	(925) 625-2279
Mt. View Sanitary District	(925) 228-5635
Rodeo Sanitary District	(510) 799-2970
Town of Discovery Bay CSD	(925) 634-1131
West County Wastewater District	(510) 237-6603

# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR POOLS, SPAS, AND FOUNTAINS

## ONLY RAIN DOWN THE DRAIN

Keep our waterways and wildlife safe from harmful pool, spa, and fountain-based chemicals and detergents.



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# BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs) FOR POOL OWNERS & CLEANERS



**A well-maintained pool, spa, or fountain reduces the need to drain!**

## Prevent and Treat Algae

- 1. Regularly clean and maintain water filtration, chlorine levels, and circulation
- 2. Manage pH and water hardness to minimize copper pipe corrosion that can stain your pool and leak copper into the environment
- 3. Use copper-free alternatives or chlorine (get help from your pool maintenance service or pool chemical suppliers)
- 4. Use environmentally friendly algaecides (see back panel)

## Maintain Filtration

- 5. Rinse cartridge filters, backwash sand, and diatomaceous earth filters into vegetation
- 6. If vegetated areas aren't available, contact your local wastewater treatment authority about their filter cleaning recommendations
- 7. Dispose of spent filters in trash

## Drain Properly

- 8. Consult a pool professional before draining; Do not drain to street, gutter or storm drain
- 9. Get approval from local wastewater authority before discharging to a sanitary sewer clean-out

## Find Your Cleanout

- 10. Look outside your home, near bathroom or kitchen walls for a concrete or metal cover marked "SEWER", "C.O." or "S". Clean-outs are often located under them
- 11. If you have trouble locating your clean-out, contact local authority

Visit [cccleanwater.org/community/household-hazardous-waste](http://cccleanwater.org/community/household-hazardous-waste) for proper disposal of pool chemicals

