

# THINK BEFORE YOU DRAIN!

## Stormwater-Smart Pool Maintenance Starts at Home



### Responsible pool care helps protect public health and our environment:

- Drain responsibly – Direct clean, dechlorinated water onto grassy or landscaped areas instead. Never drain pool or spa water into a storm drain or towards wetlands.
- Dechlorinate first – Before draining, let water sit (without adding more chlorine) for at least 7 days and test to confirm chlorine is below 0.1 mg/L.
- Dispose of chemicals safely – Never pour leftover chemicals down the drain. Follow manufacturer guidance and contact your local hazardous waste facility for disposal options.



Swimming pools and spas are great for summer fun—but improper maintenance can send harmful chemicals like chlorine, algaecides, and other contaminants straight into storm drains. From there, they can flow directly into rivers, lakes, and streams—harming wildlife and polluting the water we all rely on.

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