

CITY OF ST. GEORGE

SWIMMING POOL/SPA DRAINAGE POLICY

2012

INTRODUCTION

The Clean Water Act (CWA) prohibits discharging pollutants into streets and storm drains. In Utah, the CWA is enforced by the Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). The DEQ requires that the City of St. George prohibits the introduction of pollutants into the City Storm Water System and that ONLY clean water be allowed into the City Storm Water System.



Frequently Asked Questions

Please take a moment to read some “Frequently Asked Questions” regarding drainage:

Where do I drain my swimming pool/spa water?

Pool/spa water discharges should be maintained on private property, or in a sanitary sewer clean-out on private property. During general maintenance, (when backwashing your pool/spa) drainage into the sewer clean-out is NOT necessary as long as the discharge is maintained on private property.

Does the City of St. George require a permit to drain a swimming pool/spa?

No permit is needed prior to draining your swimming pool/spa; however, the water is required to be maintained on private property or in the sewer clean-out on private property.

Do I need to contact the City of St. George when I refill my swimming pool/spa?

You are not required to contact the City of St. George when refilling your swimming pool/spa.

What is the maximum swimming pool/spa water temperature allowable when draining?

It is recommended that the draining water temperature NOT exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit.

What does a sewer clean-out look like?

The sewer clean-out is typically a three, or four, inch pipe about level with the landscaping and is usually located close to the home. It may have a cap, with a raised square nut, or a recessed slot, which may be unscrewed providing access for the discharge drain line from the swimming pool/spa.

Does the City of St. George have plans on file that shows where the private property sewer clean-out is located?

The City of St. George does not keep detailed location information for sewer clean-out on private property. If you have trouble locating your sewer clean-outs, or have questions about proper drainage, consult a professional plumber.

What is the recommended flow rate when draining swimming pool/spa?

The recommended flow rate should never exceed twelve (12) gallons per minute. Safe flow rates may differ depending on the size of drain line, distance to sewer clean-out, and condition of pipes. It may be necessary to consult a professional plumber regarding a safe flow when discharging the swimming pool/spa water.

What is the procedure for using the sewer clean-out?

- Locate the sewer clean-out on your private property
- Remove access cap and insert the swimming pool/spa drain line into the pipe
- Secure swimming pool/spa drain line within the sewer clean-out access
- Check to make sure NO water is backing up into the home (check all shower/tub drains)
- If water is backing up into your home, immediately discontinue draining procedure and consult a professional plumber
- **Caution: Using a sewer clean-out which is located on private property could be risky, and the potential for water backing up is great (resulting in possible damage and contamination) if questions arise consult a professional plumber**

Call for Assistance

If further assistance is needed, please contact:

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City of St. George

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