



## CHLORINATED WATER DISPOSAL Swimming Pools and Hot tubs

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Water from swimming pools and hot tubs often contains high levels of chlorine. Discharging chlorinated pool and/or spa water into streams, canals, storm sewers, or ponds is harmful to fish and other aquatic life. Disposal of chlorinated water from swimming pools and hot tubs shall follow these "best management practices" to minimize adverse impacts to the environment.

**Public, Commercial, and Semi-public Pools/Spas** - (Includes pools and spas serving the following types of uses: health clubs, schools, apartment complexes, hotels, motels, residential subdivisions, municipal pools, etc.)

Backwash of public, commercial and semi-public pools shall be accomplished by connection to the nearest available public sanitary sewer system. Contact Johnson County Wastewater for complete information (913) 715-8500 or [www.jcw.org](http://www.jcw.org). Intermittent backwash discharge to the sanitary sewer shall be approved by the Johnson County Wastewater District and shall not exceed a discharge rate of 50 gallons per minute.

**Single family dwelling pools/spas**: Water from pools and spas serving single family dwellings may be discharged to the ground or to the street or storm sewer under the following circumstances:

**Backwash** from pools may be discharged directly to the ground. Discharge shall be set back a minimum of four (4) feet from adjacent property lines. Care should be taken to minimize the impact on adjacent property and discharges shall not flow directly into a stream, pond, or storm sewer.

**Complete or partial draining** of all pools or spas shall be accomplished as follows:

- Discontinue adding chlorine to the water and allow the water to stand for at least two weeks to allow the chlorine to dissipate.
- After dissipating the chlorine, the water may be used for irrigation on the property or discharge to a curb, ditch, or storm sewer.
- Discharge on the property for irrigation purposes should be accomplished so the water will remain on the property and not create odor problems, breeding areas for mosquitoes, or create a nuisance on adjoining property.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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