

REMEMBER...

Discharging dirty or chlorinated swimming pool water into the storm drain system is a citable offense.



Contaminated discharges into the City storm water system are harmful to fish, wildlife and the environment. Please do your part to protect Florida waters and natural resources.

Let's work together to keep our waters safe and clean, so that they may be enjoyed for generations to come.

For more information about separation tanks or ways to reduce chlorine levels in swimming pool discharge water, please contact your local pool supply company.

Additional information on chlorine tolerant plant and landscape materials can be obtained from the local county extension services office.

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IN SAFEGUARDING
OUR SURFACE
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SUMMER MEANS FUN IN THE SUN

In the swimming pool, it also means lots of cleaning and the proper use of chemicals to keep the water sparkling.



Even at low levels, chlorine can be toxic to aquatic life. Subsection 62-302.530 (19) Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) limits the discharge to less than 0.01 milligram per liter (mg/L). In addition, turbidity associated with backwashing and cleaning can also violate surface water quality standards.

City Code Section 10-8-8 provides that illegal connections and illegal discharges into the City of Kissimmee's municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) is prohibited. Those responsible for operating an illegal connection or causing an illegal discharge are to stop immediately and provide correct measures. If you fail to comply, the City may take the necessary actions to correct or enforce the provisions against illegal connections or illegal discharges, including but not limited to fines and liens against a violator's property, injunctions and prosecution under Section 1-1-99.

DID YOU KNOW . . .

Proper maintenance is important for keeping your pool healthy and safe. Regular maintenance includes backwashing pool filters to remove dirt and other contaminants. In certain situations it may be necessary to drain your pool for repairs or other maintenance. This water must be properly disposed of in order to protect the environment.

When cleaning your pool, it is illegal to dump dirty or chlorinated water into the street, where it can flow into the storm drain system.

The City of Kissimmee's storm drain system goes directly into nearby ponds, ditches and Lake Tohopekaliga. To keep our waterways healthy, it is important to keep all pollutants out of the storm drains. Examples of pollutants from swimming pools include:

- Chlorine
- Diatomaceous Earth (DE)
- Sand or other solid particles

In an effort to protect the environment, the City of Kissimmee prohibits the discharging of chlorinated pool water into the storm drains, including filter backwash and water from DE filters with the exception of:

- Non-particulate filter backwash water
- Dechlorinated pool discharge

TIPS FOR PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

- When draining your pool, try to use the water for some constructive purpose, such as watering the lawn or in an area of your property that will absorb the water, so that some level of filtration can occur. Depending upon the level of chlorine present, it may be necessary to first reduce the chlorine level to prevent damage to chlorine sensitive plant and landscape materials.
- Before draining your pool, allow the water to stand for at least 48 hours after the last addition of chlorine or until the free chlorine residual is less than 0.01 mg/L. If you need to drain your pool quickly, you can purchase chlorine neutralizing chemicals at your local pool supply company.
- Test the free chlorine residual before discharging. This can be tested using a standard pool test kit.
- Control the flow of water across your property by gradually discharging the water to avoid erosion and a nuisance condition for neighboring properties.
- Install a separation tank designed for the conservation of water and removal of spent DE and debris from the backwash water. These systems save water and chemicals by returning chemically treated backwash water to the pool.
- Contact Toho Water Authority at 407.944.5000 to receive permission and make arrangements to discharge pool water into the sanitary sewer system.