

Keep Our Waterways Clean!

City of Denton Adopts New Ordinance Concerning Swimming Pools

Did you know that swimming pool water can pollute our creeks, streams, and lakes? Even though it is safe for us, swimming pool water may contain chemicals that are harmful to aquatic life.

Anything discharged into streets or storm drains goes directly to the nearest creek, stream, or lake without being treated. With the average pool holding about 19,000 gallons, improper disposal can adversely impact our waterways. Pools have a high concentration of chlorine which is toxic to fish and wildlife. To prevent algae, many pools are treated with an algaecide, often containing copper or silver which can hinder natural plant growth along streams.

Where Should I Drain the Water From my Pool?

- Into your landscape for irrigation (check with your landscape professional to be sure it is not harmful to your plants). Pools may be discharged onto your property if the water does not run off onto adjoining properties and streets or cause stagnant water.

- Into the sanitary sewer system via your home's sewer clean-out. The sewer clean-out is usually a threaded cap about three to four inches in diameter.

Where can I Discharge Pool Filter Backwash Water?

- Swimming pool filter backwash should be discharged to the sanitary sewer. Though low in volume, it has a higher concentration of contaminants compared to pool water.

This information was obtained from the City of Denton pamphlet entitled "Swimming Pool Water Discharge".

Call Gohlke Pools if you would like a quote to install a backwash line to the sanitary sewer.



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