

DRAINING YOUR SWIMMING POOL?

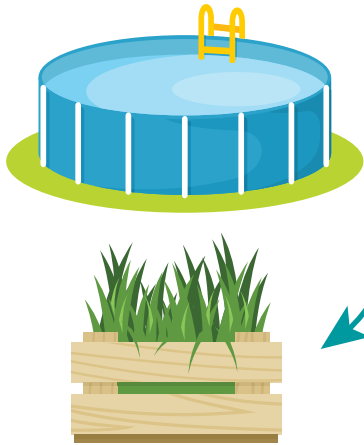
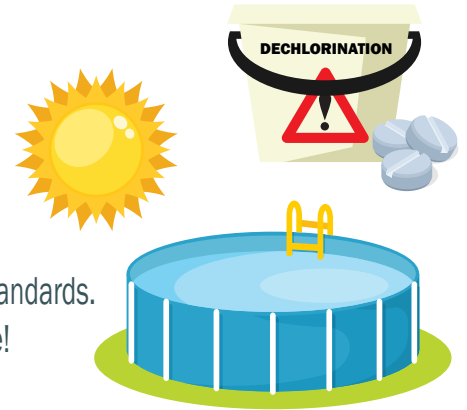
Follow these 3 easy steps to drain your pool while protecting the environment!

STEP 1: Dechlorinate

Stop adding chlorine and expose the pool to sunlight for at least 2 weeks.
Continue to run the pump during this time.

OR

Purchase a dechlorination agent that meets Environmental Protection Agency standards.
You can also use Vitamin C-based dechlorination tablets - they're safer to handle!
No matter what you use, follow the manufacturer's instructions.



STEP 2: Infiltrate

Find a grassy area, garden, or other natural area on your property.
Slowly pump pool water into the designated area and allow it to soak into the ground.

OR

If you have a salt water pool, drain it in stages on your property where it can be absorbed, too much salt in one area may kill vegetation and salinize the soil.

NEVER drain salt water into a storm drain.

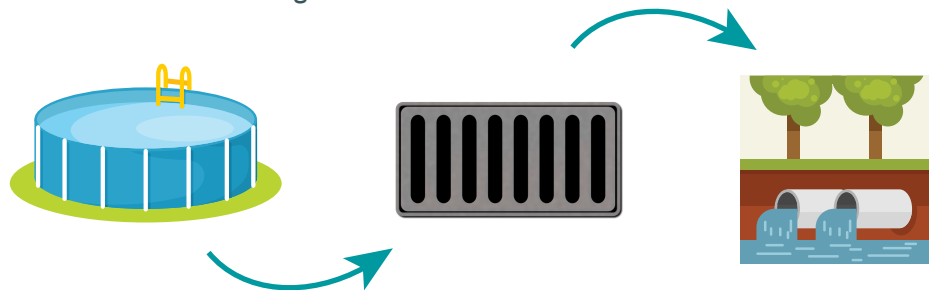
Be careful! Failure to pump water slowly can cause flooding.

You should NEVER drain your pool onto a neighboring property.

STEP 3: Storm Grate

If you don't have a natural area available, AND you do not have a salt water pool,
you can slowly pump dechlorinated pool water into a storm drain.

You can be FINED for draining pool water without removing chlorine or sediment!



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