
Stormwater BMPs for Maintaining Swimming Pools, Spas, and Fountains

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- The preferred method is to discharge pool, spa, or fountain water to the sanitary sewer system, unless prohibited by local ordinances. Discharges to the sanitary sewer system are subject to the review, approval, and conditions of the wastewater treatment agency. (See below for your local treatment plant.)
- Agencies in Alameda County have adopted municipal ordinances that allow swimming pool, spa, and fountain water to be discharged to the storm drains only if **all** of the following conditions are met:
 - ✓ The water has been dechlorinated.
 - ✓ The water is within ambient temperature. This means heated water is allowed to cool to air or standing temperature.
 - ✓ **No copper-based algae control products** have been added to the water.

Disposing of filter rinsewater and backwash:

Dispose of filter rinsewater and backwash onto soil or into a sanitary sewer connection.

- ✓ Clean the filter in a wash area that drains to the sanitary sewer. If a sink is not readily available or is too small for the filter, create a wash area that contains the *washwater* and pump the washwater to a sanitary connection. For diatomaceous earth (DE) filters, be sure the DE is captured prior to discharge.
- ✓ Temporary wash areas must be adequate to contain all washwaters. The temporary wash area is inadequate if washwater reaches creeks, gutters, or storm drains.

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