



Washing Pool and Spa Filters

Cleaning pool and spa filters can also be hazardous to our environment and must be disposed of properly.

In most cases, the amount of backwash water generated by pools and spas is readily absorbed into the soil around the pool area.

Remember to move the drain hose frequently, since backwash water discharge to one location can create stagnant water areas that can attract mosquitos.

This water can be used to irrigate salt-tolerant plants such as Oleander, Rosemary, Bougainvillea, Natal Plum, Texas Ranger, Olive, Native Mesquite, Saltbrush, Aloe, Deer Grass, Bear Grass and Ice Plant.

Do not put salt water on roses or fruit trees.

Please observe Lake Havasu City's municipal codes at:

[Lake Havasu City Code of Ordinances](#)

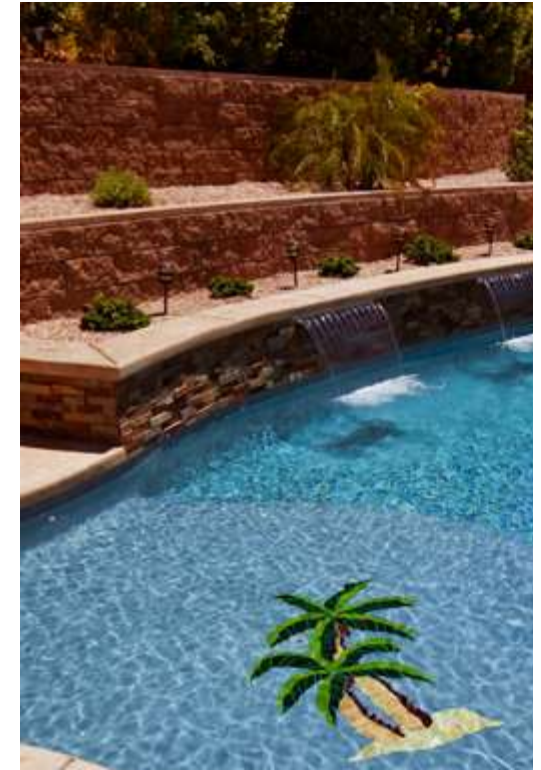
Making your swimming pool safe for family and friends means keeping the water clean and properly treated and disposing of the water responsibly.



Public Works Department

Wastewater Division

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DRAINING YOUR POOL OR SPA THE RIGHT WAY



OPTION 1 *Your Yard*

If possible, drain all or a portion of the swimming pool on your own personal property.

- Do not drain to adjoining property or allow any water to leave your property.

OPTION 2 *Adjacent Wash*

If available, drain pool water to an adjacent wash.

- Do not use the street or an adjacent owners' property to get water to the wash.
- Property owner is responsible to ensure that no erosion or sediment transport occurs.

OPTION 3 *City Sewer*

Contact the Wastewater Division at (928) 855-3999 during regular business hours a minimum of 72 hours prior to draining the pool.

- Calling before you drain allows us to check if your property is located near a small lift station that can't handle the volume.
- Do not drain into a septic system.
- Drainage to the sewer cannot exceed 12 gallons per minute.

- Pool water shall have a pH level between 5 ½ and 9 and shall meet all applicable water quality limits as may be required by the city.
- Pools cannot be drained directly into the sewer main.
- Drainage shall be to the residential sanitary sewer cleanout on your property.
- If you cannot locate the cleanout port, you may want to consider contacting a plumber.

OPTION 4 *To the Street*

As the last available option, drain pool water to the street.

- Pool drainage shall be between the hours of 8:00pm and 6:00am, 7 days a week.
- If a pool requires emergency repair for which daytime drainage is necessary, notify the Wastewater Division at (928) 855-3999 during regular business hours.
- If a pool is drained outside the prescribed hours without notification and approval of the city, the city will initiate Code Enforcement.



WHEN TO DRAIN a pool or spa:

Before you drain your pool, consult with a pool professional and check your pool chemistry. It may be time to drain your pool when there is a buildup of total dissolved solids or calcium hardness.

For questions on determining your water hardness, contact a local pool/spa service company.

If you have questions about draining your pool water into the sanitary sewer system, contact the Lake Havasu City Wastewater Division at (928) 855-3999.

If you're unsure about draining your pool, or need assistance, contact a professionally licensed pool service company or a plumber.

It is your responsibility as a property owner/renter to follow city ordinances on pool draining.