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Swimming Pool Owners: Protect Waterways and Neighbors

Each spring and fall in our community, thousands of gallons of water is drained from residential swimming pools. This water may contain chemicals, including chlorine, bromine, algaecides, acids and other cleaning solvents, harmful to fish and aquatic life within river and Lake Michigan ecosystem. Discharging pool water into storm sewers or ravines or overland is illegal.

City code requires swimming pools be drained directly to a sanitary sewer line to ensure harmful chemicals is removed at a wastewater treatment plant. Discharging into storm sewer lines will result in polluting ravines, natural streams, rivers and Lake Michigan. Contractors or swimming pool companies are not authorized to access City sanitary sewer manholes or structures. By discharging heavy volume of swimming pool water at a high rate could cause sanitary sewer surcharges in City sanitary sewer lines potentially causing backups on sanitary sewer service laterals on downstream properties. Residents are strongly encouraged to contact Public Works prior to discharging into City sanitary sewer pipes.

For more information on swimming pools and to properly manage pool water discharge, Contact Public Works Department Sewer Section staff at (847) 432-0807 during normal business hours. During off-hours please contact non-emergency Police dispatch at (847) 432-7730.