



Pools, spas and hot tubs require the use of harmful chemicals like chlorine/bromine, salts, algaecides, nonylphenols and nonylphenol ethoxylates.

How you maintain and drain them are important in keeping our environment, drinking water sources, waterways, fish and other local wildlife safe.

For more information

Swimming pool, spa and hot tub permits

For additional information related to swimming pool, spa and hot tub permits please contact Building Services at 519-837-5615. You can also visit guelph.ca/pools.

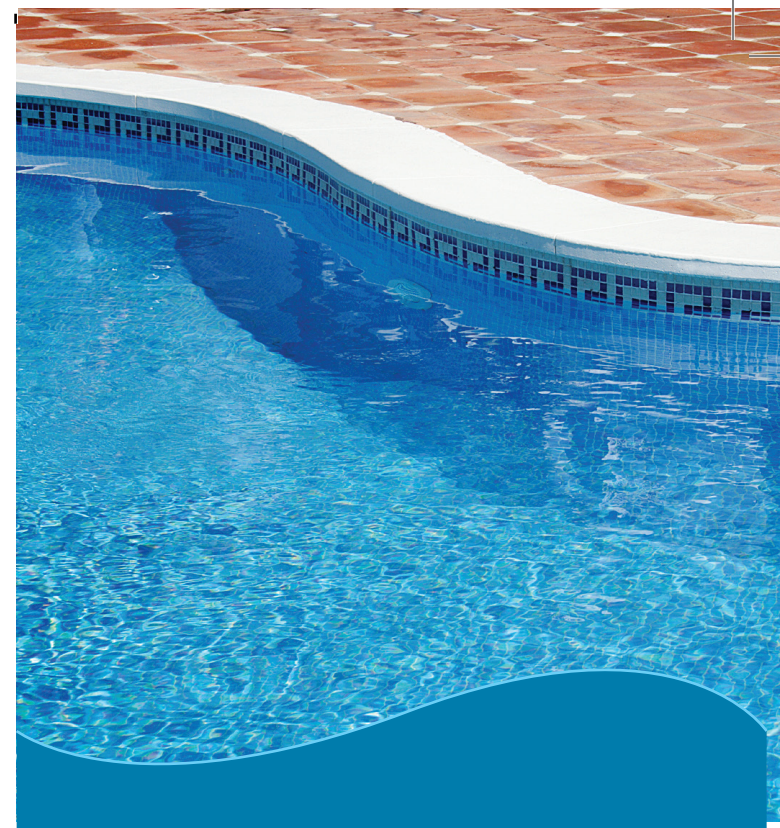


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**Keep our drinking water
and waterways safe:
Drain pools, spas and
hot tubs correctly**



How to correctly drain your pool, spa or hot tub



Clear leaves

and other debris from pool cover before draining water from the cover.



Superchlorinate

the water to get rid of bacteria, algae and organic matter.



Dechlorinate

the water by letting your pool, spa or hot tub sit uncovered for at least two weeks. The chlorine will dissolve naturally. Continue to run the pump.



Test

the water to make sure the chemical levels have dropped close to zero.



Report a spill

If pool, spa or hot tub water (freshwater or saltwater) runs into a stormwater sewers or natural drainage features, such as ravines or ditches, it flows directly into our waterways. This is considered a spill and may be subject to penalty or fine.

If you see this happening, you are legally obligated to report it to the Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks and the City of Guelph.

Report spills 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to the Ministry of the Environment Spills Action Centre at 1-800-268-6060, and the City of Guelph's Environmental Protection Officers at 519-837-5629.

Drain



Sanitary sewer

Storm sewer

Sanitary sewers carry sewage to the wastewater treatment plant and is treated. Storm sewers carry rainwater and snowmelt directly to waterways and isn't treated.

Do not drain water onto your driveway or sidewalk to prevent chemicals and salt from entering our stormwater sewers which flow into our local waterways.

For **freshwater pools**, drain water onto your lawn or into sanitary system connection (basement drain or laundry tub). Tip—be a respectful neighbour and ensure that your water doesn't drain onto your neighbour's property.

For **salt water pools**, drain water into a sanitary system connection. If unable to do so, contact a Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks approved and licensed hauler for removal.

Do not drain water into natural drainage features, such as ravines or ditches, which also lead to local waterways.

You and any service provider you hire is responsible for maintaining and operating your pool, spa, or hot tub in compliance with the City of Guelph's Sewer Use By-law (1996)-15202.



Ensure pool chemical containers are not leaking and stored in a cool, dry place according to manufacturers directions.