

DID YOU KNOW?

DRAINING YOUR
CHLORINATED WATER
INTO THE STORM SEWER
KILLS FISH

SALT WATER POOLS MUST
ALWAYS BE DRAINED TO
THE **SANITARY SEWER**

NEVER DRAIN YOUR POOL,
SPA OR HOT TUB ON A
RAINY DAY

DISCHARGE YOUR POOL,
SPA OR HOT TUB **ACROSS**
YOUR LAWN, WHILE AVOIDING
THE STORM SEWER

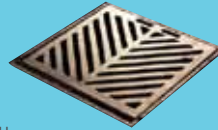
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BEFORE DRAINING

THE DIFFERENCE IN SEWER SYSTEMS



SANITARY SEWER

This system collects sewage and wastewater from toilets and sinks from your home. This water goes to a wastewater treatment plant where it is treated and released back into the Thames River.



STORM SEWER

This system collects rainwater, melted snow, and surface water through storm grates that drain directly into the nearest creek, river, or storm pond. This water is **NOT** treated.

Remember: storm water is **not treated** before it reaches your local watercourse. The chemicals you put down the storm drain go **directly** into our rivers and creeks.



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PROTECT OUR ENVIRONMENT

POOLS, SPAS, AND HOT TUBS

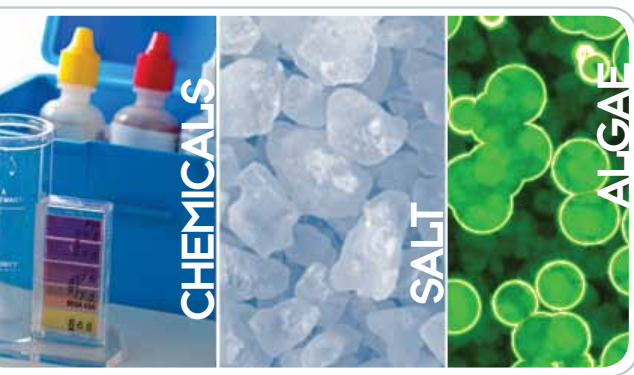


DRAIN YOUR POOL THE RIGHT WAY

CHLORINATED WATER AND SALTWATER POOLS

Chlorinated and saltwater pools contain chemicals needed to keep them clean and safe for swimming. These chemicals include chlorine/bromine, salts, copper-based algaecides, nonylphenols and nonylphenol ethoxylates. These chemicals are deadly to fish and other aquatic organisms that live in our creeks, rivers and storm ponds.

Don't add chemicals to your pool or hot tub for two weeks before draining.



YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

As the owner of a private swimming pool, hot tub or spa, you and any pool service provider must maintain and operate it in compliance with your local Sewer Use Bylaw. The City of London sets out requirements for the proper operation, maintenance and seasonal closure of pools, hot tubs, and spas that will protect the area's water quality, fish and aquatic life.

You or your hired pool service provider are legally obligated to report a spill to provincial and municipal authorities if your pool water has gone into a stream, river, lake or storm sewer system without dechlorinating.



WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

CHLORINATED WATER

- ✓ **Superchlorinate** to get rid of bacteria, algae and organic matter.
- ✓ **Dechlorinate the water** before discharging by placing a dechlorination tablet in the water then letting it sit for one week or longer to allow the chlorine to dissipate.
- ✓ **Drain onto your lawn**, if it can be properly absorbed into the ground without flowing onto your neighbours property or storm water system.
- ✓ **Running the pump** will assist in the dissipation of the chlorine. Sunlight also helps.
- ✓ **Backwash water** should be dechlorinated before discharging or draining.
- ✓ **Test your pool, hot tub or spa** to ensure chemical levels are as close to zero as possible before discharging or draining it.
- ✓ **Report any spill** of untreated pool water to the provincial and municipal authorities if it has gone into a stream, river, lake or storm sewer system.

SALT WATER

- ✓ **Discharge salt water** pools to the sanitary system connection on your property. The water from salt water pools have such high levels of chlorides that this water cannot be discharged to the storm sewer system.
- ✓ **Have the salt water hauled** by a Ministry of the Environment approved and licensed hauler.

THE DON'TS

