



county of san diego

pools & spas

Let's All Do Our Part!



Most residents are concerned about keeping our waterways clean. In fact, surveys conducted across San Diego County show that **more than 50% of residents** believe that pollution of our beaches, lakes, and creeks directly affects them and their families.

We're Here To Help.

Swimming pools, spas, and decorative fountains are part of the San Diego lifestyle, but when not properly maintained, they can cause problems for our waterways. The **County of San Diego Watershed Protection Program** supports residents in their efforts to prevent pollution by offering these important **tips for pool and spa maintenance**.



Water that is released to the streets, gutters, and storm drains in San Diego County IS NOT TREATED before it reaches our local creeks, rivers, and the ocean. All sources of pollution, including pool and spa water without cleaning chemicals removed, are prohibited from leaving your property and entering streets or storm drains. Only rainwater is allowed in the streets and storm drains.

What Can You Do To Keep Our Waterways Clean?

- **Follow manufacturer's instructions** for all pool chemicals. For more information on where to properly dispose of excess chemicals, call 1-877-R-1-EARTH (1-877-713-2784).
- **Dispose of** liquid waste from pool and spa filters into the house sanitary sewer system and dispose of solids from pool and spa filters into a trash bag and then rinse the filter into a landscaped area or container.
- **Drain water to a landscaped or rocky area** that will not cause soil erosion or runoff to a storm drain.
- **Drain water** into a storm drain only if the water is reduced to less than 1 part per million of chlorine or bromine, and does not contain algaecides, acid wash, or high levels of salinity.
- **Pool owners are responsible** for the practices of their contractors. Share these important facts with your pool maintenance company.

***Thank you for doing
your part to protect
our waterways.***

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