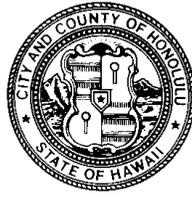


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## **FACT SHEET**

### **Dechlorinated Swimming Pool Water Discharges**

The City's NPDES permit allows discharges of dechlorinated swimming pool water into the City's storm drain system. However, City ordinances require that an effluent discharge permit be obtained prior to the discharge. The fee for the permit is \$100. Call the Department of Environmental Services at 768-2343 to obtain a permit application.

Ideally, only rain water would enter the storm drain system. Even dechlorinated water has chemicals that can be harmful to aquatic ecosystems. With this in mind, these are the legal options for draining your pool:

**HOW CAN I DRAIN MY POOL?** You should use the following best management practices (BMPs):

- After obtaining an effluent discharge permit, contact the Department of Environmental Services at 768-3250 at least 24 hours prior to discharge. Keep a record of the discharge and provide the following information: your name, your company name (if applicable), address where the pool is located, number of gallons to be drained, date of discharge, pH, and residual chlorine level. The chlorine level should be 0.01 parts per million or less. You may also fax the above information to 768-3286.
- Discharges into the City's storm drain system should be via pump and hose directly into a storm drain inlet or catch basin. Do not allow effluent to run down the street or gutter.
- Discharges to the State's storm drain system require a permit from the State. Call the Department of Transportation at 831-6793 for more information.
- If there is a drain inlet within the property, you must determine where the effluent would go before using the inlet. If it is connected to the State's or City's storm drain system, a drain connection permit is required from the State or City.
- As an alternative, you may discharge swimming pool effluent to a landscaped area, as long as the effluent remains on the property. No permit is required.
- If there is no storm drains available, you may discharge the effluent into the sanitary sewer. A permit may be required. Call the Department of Environmental Services, Regulatory Control Branch at 768-3261 or 768-3262 for more information.

#### **ARE THERE OTHER DISCHARGES THAT ARE PROHIBITED AT MY POOL?**

- Discharges from swimming pool backwash water are prohibited from entering the City's storm drain system.

#### **HOW CAN I GET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?**

- For more information, please call the Storm Water Quality Branch of ENV at 768-3250.