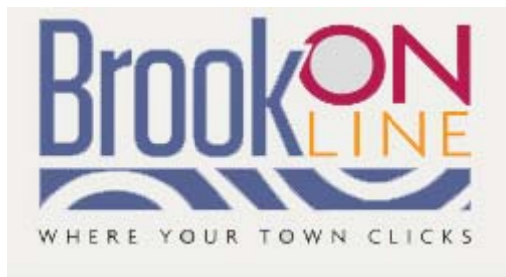
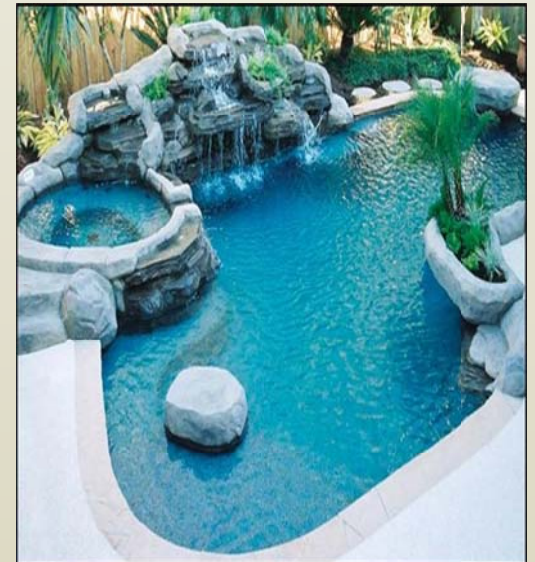


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***STORMWATER POLLUTION
PREVENTION
SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS***



***GUIDELINES FOR
PROPER SWIMMING
POOL OR SPA
DRAINAGE***

What's wrong with draining my pool, spa, or filter back wash to the street or storm drain?

Street drains and storm drains lead to rivers, lakes, streams, and brooks. Chlorine, bromine, algaecides, biocides, water conditioners, stabilizers, and other chemicals in pool water are toxic to fish and other aquatic life. Diatomaceous earth (DE), cellulose fiber, and sand particles from backwash water can fill spaces in spaces in the stream bed gravel, preventing oxygen from reaching fish eggs and young fish. DE and cellulose fiber can also clog fish gills.



It's all very simple!

There are two options for draining your swimming pool. Please note that whichever method you choose, you must dechlorinate the water before draining occurs.

Here's how:

- Dechlorinate naturally: Allow the water to sit in the sun for 5-10 days without adding any chlorine; or
- Use a chemical dechlorination additive (contact your local pool supply store for options),
- Verify water is dechlorinated with a pool testing kit.



Muddy River

Option 1: Your Lawn
The Preferred Discharge Method

Drain *dechlorinated* water to the grass/turf/or other area on your property that will allow the water to percolate into the ground, *if and only if*.....

- You do not cause flooding of your neighbor's property.
- The land area is sufficient to prevent erosion and runoff into a ditch, brook, or other conveyance (i.e. storm drain).

Option 2: Storm Drain

Swimming pool water may be discharged to the storm drain *only* after *all* of the following conditions are met:

- Preferred method not possible.
- Pool or spa completely dechlorinated.
- Water pH between 6 and 9.
- No discharge of filter media.
- No discharge of acid cleaning wastes or solutions.