

# Draining Your Pool?



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## What You Should Know

The chlorine and other chemicals in your pool can have harmful effects on the environment if your pool isn't drained properly. You don't want your pool to be the reason why the fish die in the creek next to you, or why the sewer system reaches its capacity!

### Before You Drain

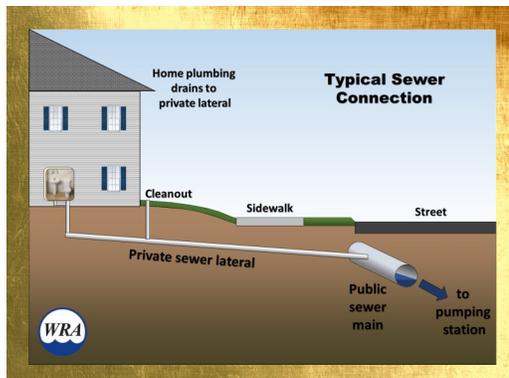


**Dechlorinate Naturally:** Stop adding chlorine to your uncovered pool and allow sunlight to break down the chlorine within 10 days.

**Dechlorinate Chemically:** Dechlorinate the pool water with chemicals provided by pool and spa care vendors. If you have added city water to your pool in the last few weeks, look for chemicals that can help remove chloramines.

### Option 1: Your Lawn

- Dechlorinate your pool to less than 0.1 ppm.
- Adjust the pH of your pool to fall between 6 and 8 if needed.
- Pump from the deepest location in the pool, allowing the drainage to flow through your lawn to be filtered and absorbed.
- This method requires the lawn to be free of pet waste, natural debris, and excess fertilizer to avoid pollution of our local waters.



### Option 2: Sanitary Sewer System

- Contact Southlake Public Works before draining your pool: **(817) 748-8082**.
- Dechlorinate your pool to less than 3ppm.
- Using the sanitary sewer cleanout on your property, the water may be discharged at a rate not exceeding 50 gallons per minute.

*City of Southlake Code of Ordinances, Chapter 9.5, Article IX prohibits any discharge to the storm drain system that may adversely affect water quality. It is a direct violation of this code to discharge pool water containing more than a 0.1ppm concentration of chlorine, and/or having a pH value exceeding 8, or lower than 6. It is also a direct violation to discharge filter backwash into the storm drain system.*

### Contact Us

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