

DRAINING YOUR SWIMMING POOL?

3 easy steps to drain your residential pool while protecting the environment

1. Dechlorinate

- **Sunlight**

- Stop adding chlorine and expose to sunlight for two weeks
- Continue to run pump during this time

OR

- **Chemicals**

- Purchase dechlorination agent that meets EPA standards
- Vitamin C-based dechlorination tablets are also acceptable and safer to handle
- Follow directions provided by manufacturer



2. Infiltrate

- Find a grassy area, garden, or other natural area on your property
- Slowly pump pool water into designated area and allow to soak into ground
- **Salt Water Pools**
 - NEVER drain a salt water pool into a storm sewer
 - Drain in stages on your property where water can absorb
 - Too much salt in one spot may kill vegetation and no longer sustain growth
- **Failure to pump slowly may flood the drainage area**

3. Storm Grate

- If you don't have a natural area available, you may slowly pump dechlorinated pool water to storm drain (salt water pool discharges prohibited!)
- **Failure to remove chlorine or sediment from pool water before draining may result in fines**

