

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 Southern California lifestyle, but when not properly maintained, they can cause problems for our waterways. The **City of Escondido Environmental Programs Division** supports residents and pool contractors 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 rain in the storm drain.

What Can You Do To Keep Our Waterways Clean?

- **Follow manufacturer's instructions** for all pool chemicals.
- **Dispose of liquid waste** from pool and spa filters into a sink drain. Dispose of solids from pool and spa filters into a trash bag and then rinse the filter into a landscaped area or sink drain.
- **Contact Public Works** before deciding to drain your pool at 760-839-4668
- **Drain water** into a storm drain **only if** the water is within a pH of 6 to 9 and is reduced to 0-mg/L of chlorine or bromine, and does not contain algaecides or acid wash.
- **Control algae** with chlorine, organic polymers, or other alternatives to copper-based chemicals.
- **Do not drain salt water** pools into the storm drain system.

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

Contact Us For More Information.

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