

Time to drain your pool?

Backwashing and periodic draining of a swimming pool is an important part of keeping a pool clean. It is important to discharge the water from your pool in a method that protects the environment and your neighbor's property. Chlorinated pool water should never be discharged into the street, storm drain, a wash or onto your neighbor's property. It is also important to note that if your residence is on a septic system, draining into your septic system is highly discouraged as it may result in a failure of the septic system.



Where to properly drain your pool

Pool water may be drained into the sanitary sewer cleanout on your property if you subscribe to sanitary sewer service provided by Liberty Utilities. To drain your pool into a sanitary sewer, first locate the sewer clean-out outside of your home but on your property. If there are two, use the one closest to the home. Sewer clean-outs are typically four inch plastic caps located on the ground between the home and the adjacent sewer main. Once the clean-out is located, remove the cap and secure your drainage hose a few inches into the clean-out pipe. Finally, pump the pool water into the sewer. Please continuously monitor the draining of the pool into the clean-out. If water begins to back up it may be a result of a clogged line which will require a plumber to address prior to proceeding with the draining of the pool. Do not use a sewer clean out that is placed within a wall/structure as water will tend to back up and potentially flood the structure.

If you do not subscribe to sanitary sewer services and are on a septic system your pool water may be discharged into retention basins on your property that have sufficient storage to absorb the volume of water being discharged. Additionally, you can also contract with a third-party septic hauling companies to drain/remove the water from your pool.