Filter Cleaning & Backwashing

Cleaning and Backwashing water from pool filters must be collected, contained and discharged to the sanitary sewer, on-site septic tank or drainfield system.
Do not discharge to a stream, ditch or storm drain.
Neutralize acid wash wastewater and discharge to sanitary sewer.

Penalty and Fine

The discharge of wastes, directly or indirectly, into our storm water system violates the Utah Water Quality Act. Violators are subject to civil and/or criminal action.

The Salt Lake Valley Health Department has the authority to issue penalties up to $10,000 on a per day basis for such discharges. Willful or knowing discharges may be criminally prosecuted.

All wastewaters must be contained, collected and properly disposed of regardless of whether chemicals are used.

Documented discharges in violation of the swimming pool and wastewater regulations will result in the issuance of a notice of violation and the imposition of an administrative penalty or fine.

Please protect Our Water Supply System

Do Not Discharge Pool or Spa Water to a Street or Storm Drain.

Remember, We All Live DOWNSTREAM

Guidelines for Proper Disposal of Swimming Pool & Hot Tub Water

Visit the Salt Lake County Storm Water Coalition web page:
www.stormwatercoalition.org

Salt Lake Valley Health Department web page:
www.slvhealth.org

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Residential Under limited conditions when discharge to a sanitary sewer is not possible, then chlorinated water from pools and hot tubs may be disposed onto landscaped areas under the following circumstances:

- Prior to discharging the water, shut off the chlorination system if you have one, or stop adding chlorine. Hold the water in the pool or hot tub for a few days to reduce the chlorine level.

- Make sure the water is not cloudy, the pH is neutralized, and the chlorine level is below 0.1 milligrams/liter before discharging.

- Discharge or irrigate the water in an area where the water will not flow into a stream or storm drain. Use sandbags or berms if necessary.

- Do not discharge in high ground water or onto saturated soils. You must have a sufficient area for effective dispersion of discharge to prevent ponding. Do not employ any form of subsurface injection (pressure or gravity) into the ground.

- Discharge or irrigate the water on your property and ensure that it does not flow off your property.

- Discharge or irrigate the water in a manner that will prevent nuisance conditions (such as creation of odors, and fly and mosquito breeding conditions). Nuisance conditions occur when water is ponded for a prolonged period.

- Do not discharge on areas recently treated with herbicides or pesticides of any type.

- Minimize temporary flooding and erosion when draining a pool or spa by discharging...