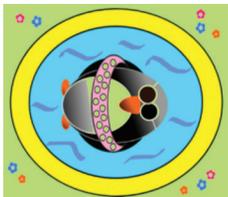


Proper Pool / Hot Tub Water Draining



Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Guidelines

Water from swimming pools and hot tubs often contain high levels of chlorine. Discharging chlorinated pool or spa water into streams (irrigation canals, or ponds, etc.) is harmful to fish and other aquatic life. The discharge of any sewage or industrial waste, including swimming pool water, to any waters of the commonwealth without a permit is a violation of the Clean Streams Law, (the Act of June 22, 1937, P.L. 1987, as amended).

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) does not require a permit for discharges from single residence pools, provided the guidelines outlined below are followed. These guidelines cannot be construed to waive or impair any rights of DEP to prosecute a property (pool) owner and/or pool company for any stream damage that occurs as a result of a discharge. Penalties would be assessed under the provisions of the Clean Streams Law.

Disposal of Water to Sanitary Sewer

Shaler Township grants permission for pool backwash water, pool cleaning wastewater and standing water to be discharged to the sanitary sewer system. Neutralize water before discharge by following these steps:

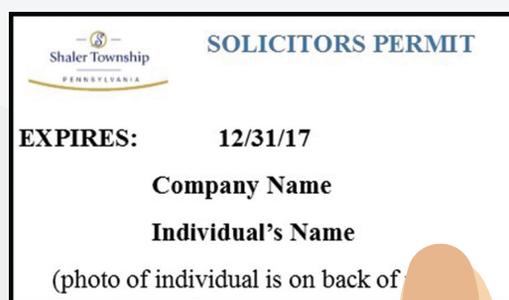


- Prior to disposal of pool water to a sanitary sewer, shut off the chlorination system if there is one, or stop adding chlorine.
- Hold the water in the pool or hot tub for at least two weeks to allow the chlorine to dissipate.
- Measure the chlorine level in the pool or hot tub prior to discharging the water. The water should not show any detectable levels of chlorine. A longer holding period may be necessary if chlorine levels continue to remain at detectable levels at the end of two weeks. Chlorine measurements can be made with a chlorine test kit (colorimetric).
- Plan discharge for low-use times of sewer flow such as afternoon or late night hours.
- Use small volume pump and control discharge so it does not spill out. (< 800 gallons per minute)
- Discharge with hose into access "cap" of the private property sewer cleanout. DO NOT use public manholes or cleanouts.
- Care should be taken to make sure the discharge goes into a sanitary sewer and not a storm sewer, which would discharge to a stream. If sanitary sewers are not in the immediate area, the wastewater should be hauled off-site for disposal at an approved treatment facility.
- Water from backwashing pool filters should not be discharged to a stream, ditch or storm sewer. Backwash from pool filters must be discharged to the sanitary sewer, on-site septic tank and drain field system (if properly designed and adequately sized), or a seepage pit.

Knock, Knock, Who's There?

Residents often hear a knock at the door in the evening hours and when they open the door they are face to face with an individual soliciting a product. The Township is required to allow these vendors access to residents, however the company and their representatives must obtain a permit. If you receive an interruption into your home by one of these representatives, you should inquire and request to see the permit issued by the Township of Shaler. If the representative cannot produce this identification (it is a laminated permit with the Township certification and a picture of the permitted individual) **please call 9-1-1 immediately.**

Often times, the Township receives a phone call the day after the solicitor has been at their home. At this point it is too late to address the matter. In a recent situation, a solicitor visited a home in the Township and the resident inquired as to the status of the permit. The solicitor was unable to produce the permit and the resident called 9-1-1. Upon arrival, the Shaler Police issued a citation for violation of the soliciting permit. **Residents are encouraged to call 9-1-1 immediately.** If you do not do this the complaint is after the fact and much more difficult to address with the company.



Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. The Township wants to ensure that residents are protected from solicitations that have not adhered to the strict screening process required prior to the issuance of permits. The Shaler Police Department will respond to your call and address the situation with both the representative of the company and the immediate supervisor. In addition, the police department works with the Township offices to review the number of offenses and the Township can retract the permit if there are documented violations. The Township's issuance of a permit is not an endorsement of the company.

Sign up for the "No Solicitation" list at www.shaler.org under the Community tab.