



## BEFORE DRAINING

Minimize the chemicals in your pool or spa by:

- stop adding chemicals at least one week before planning on draining the water
- use a chlorine test kit to ensure chlorine levels are not detectable in water
- do not use copper base algaecides (blue stone). These can interfere with wastewater treatment process. Use approved alternatives instead such as chlorine or sodium bromide.

Regardless of how you decide to discard your pool or spa water, it is important to reduce the chemicals in the water. Chemicals can harm your plants and cause problems with the wastewater treatment process.

# POOL DRAIN

## A GUIDE

## KEEP IT OUT OF THE GUTTER

## ONLY RAIN IN THE STORM DRAIN

Storm drains are meant to remove rain and snow from streets. The runoff is not treated and flows directly into the river. Anything that enters storm drains can contribute to water pollution.

## WHERE DO I DRAIN MY POOL OR HOT TUB?

Drain it on your garden or lawn.

Water can be used to irrigate your lawn, garden, or mulched area.

If choosing to water your yard, the water must remain on your property. Be sure to regulate the rate of discharge to not cause problems such as erosion or flooding.

Use a sink, toilet or floor drain in your house.

Water discharged into the wastewater collection system is treated at the Wastewater Treatment Centre.

DO NOT drain your pool or hot tub in the alley way. This will cause issues to the roadway and cause more maintenance.