

# IT'S ALMOST POOL SEASON!



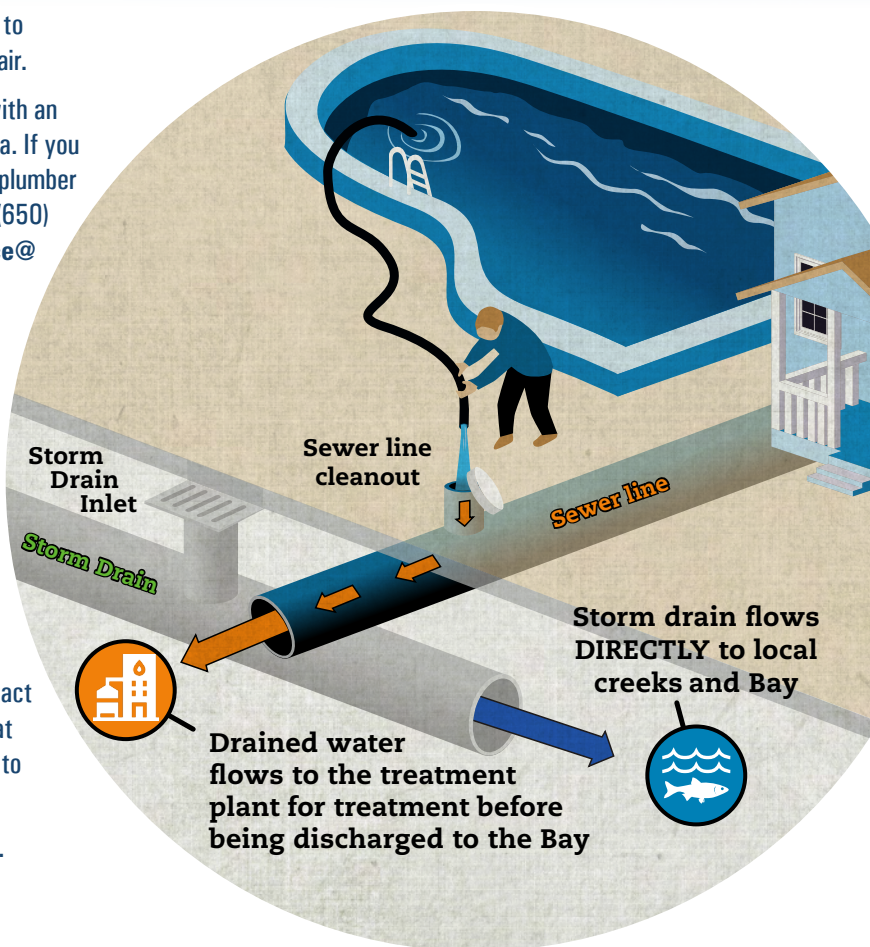
Warm weather is ahead, which means pool season is around the corner! If you need to drain your pool, spa, or fountain, **ONLY drain to your sanitary sewer line cleanout.** Draining to the street, sidewalk, or lawn could lead to copper, chlorine, and other chemicals ending up in creeks and the Bay where it can harm wildlife.

## When draining your pool, spa, or fountain:

- To conserve water, only drain your pool to stabilize water hardness or make a repair.
- Look for your sewer cleanout marked with an "S," usually located in a landscaped area. If you need help locating your cleanout, call a plumber or contact City of Palo Alto Utilities at (650) 329-2161 or [UtilitiesCustomerService@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:UtilitiesCustomerService@cityofpaloalto.org).
- Use a garden hose to drain your pool, spa, or fountain into the cleanout.
- Clean filter with a hose and in an area that ensures no water enters any storm drains.
- To avoid sewer overflows, don't drain pools on rainy days and keep the flow rate slow, around 30 gallons per minute.

For pools larger than 20,000 gallons, contact the Regional Water Quality Control Plant at [Pretreatment@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:Pretreatment@cityofpaloalto.org) prior to draining to avoid a sewer backup.

Visit [cleanbay.org](http://cleanbay.org) for more information.



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