

## **GUIDELINES FOR DRAINING RESIDENTIAL SWIMMING POOLS AND SPAS**

- (1) Never pump the water into a storm sewer, bar ditch, or alley.
- (2) When possible pump the water into the sanitary sewer of the residence.
- (3) If help is needed in finding the closest sanitary sewer access, call Joel Daugherty (972-780-4937) or Jessica Smith (972-780-4946)
- (4) If there is no access to a sanitary sewer within a reasonable distance from the pool, the water can be pumped onto the ground of the residence if the water is completely contained on the property of the pool owner.
- (5) Take care to avoid water running off onto the property of adjacent residences.
- (6) Take care that water pumped from the pool does not drain into the house, garage, or storage buildings of the residence.
- (7) If a gate lock has to be cut off or fence section removed to facilitate pumping, replace the lock and/or repair the fence when the job is completed.

SUMMARY: Your cooperation with these guide lines will help prevent any contamination of our creeks and streams that may adversely affect fish, wildlife, and drinking water. Algae and/or chemicals in the pool water can kill fish in our streams, and these fish eat the mosquito larvae we are trying to prevent in the pools we pump.

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