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Information for Draining Swimming Pools

**Permission is required to drain pools at properties located within the City of Redding.
Call City of Redding Industrial Waste Division to schedule a site inspection.**

There is no fee or permit required for Redding residents discharging pools or spas into the sanitary sewer.

Be prepared to follow these steps;

- Locate the sewer clean out on your property.
- Skim and remove all solid debris and vegetation from the pool water. No leaves and other debris shall be discharged to the City of Redding's sewer system.
- Obtain a sump pump that pumps approximately 10-20 gallons per minute. Faster pumps are discouraged due to the risk of a sewage backup.
- A sediment filter is required (1/8") at the pump intake.
- Sump pumps are typically available at equipment rental stores and hardware stores. A hose and an extension cord will also be needed.

*Caution must be taken when draining a pool to protect the pool from massive structural damage due to groundwater pressure. We recommend contacting the pool manufacturer to determine if a groundwater valve is installed or if additional protective measures are needed, such as drilling holes in the pool bottom to alleviate groundwater pressure.

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