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;

a. Locate the sewer clean out on your property.
b. 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.
c. Obtain a sump pump that pumps approximately 10-20 gallons per minute. Faster pumps are discouraged due to the risk of a sewage backup.
d. A sediment filter is required (1/8”) at the pump intake.
e. 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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