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## City of Ontario BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES FOR POOL MAINTENANCE

Pool and spa chemicals and filter solids, when discharged to the City streets, gutters or storm drains, **DO NO GET TREATED** before reaching the Santa Ana River. Chlorine, acid cleaning chemicals and metal-based algicides used in pools can kill beneficial organisms in the food chain and pollute our drinking water.

When emptying your swimming pool, spa or fountain, please use one of the following best management practices to reduce storm water pollution:

- Reuse the water as landscape irrigation
- Empty the water into the sewer between midnight and 6:00 am
- Remove solids and floating debris, de-chlorinate the water to a chlorine residual of zero, wait 24 hours, then discharge the water to the street or storm drain.
- If you use metal-based algicides (i.e. copper sulfate), discharge the water to the sewer

When acid cleaning or other chemical cleaning:

- Neutralize the wastewater to a pH of 7.0 to 9.0, then discharge to the sewer

For swimming pool and spa filter backwash:

- Discharge to a landscaped or dirt area
- Settle and dispose of solids in trash and discharge water to the sewer

Questions? Call Yvonne Elliott with City's Storm Water Program at  
(909) 395-2143