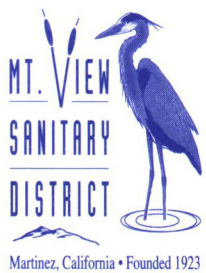


We strongly encourage you to give us a call before you drain your pool, spas, and/or hot tubs.

Even a partial drainage of your spa could overflow your sewer line, causing severe sewer backup to your property.

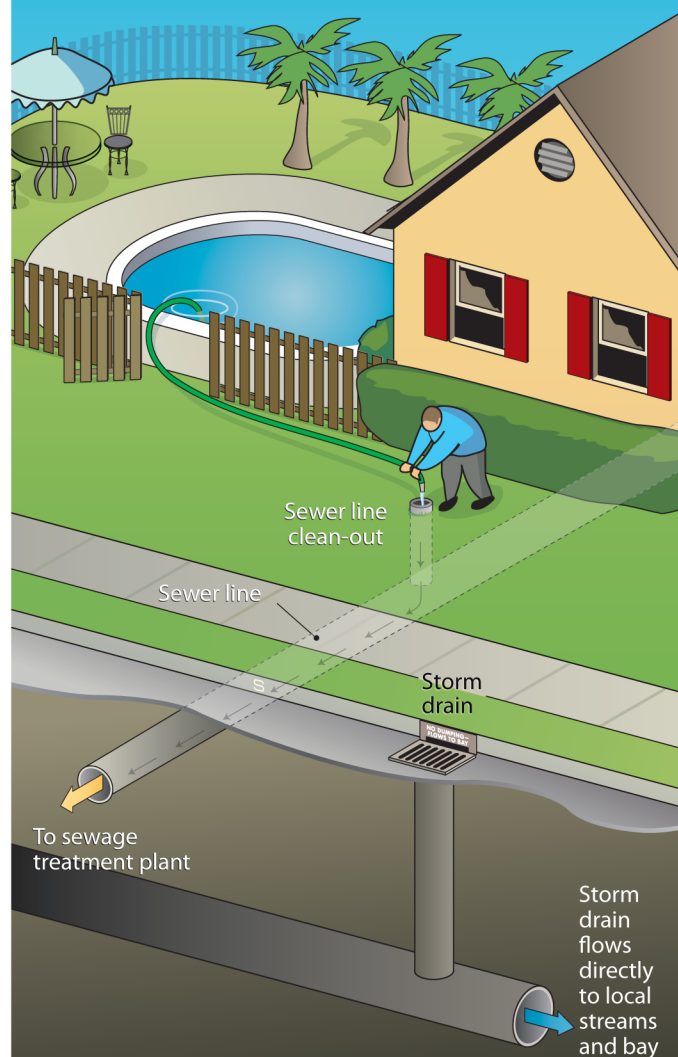
Just one phone call to us may help protect you from potential damages to your property. You can reach us at (925) 228-5635 ext. 10



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DRAINING POOLS & SPAS

Keep pool, spa and fountain water out of storm drains, creeks and the Bay.



Storm drains flow directly into our creeks and the Bay.

Did you know...?

- Draining pools, spas and fountains to storm drains can pollute creeks, the Delta and the Bay with copper, chlorine, sediments and other contaminants. Storm drains flow directly into our creeks, Delta and the Bay without treatment.
- Pools, spas and fountains should only be discharged to the sanitary sewer and only after obtaining permission from your local wastewater treatment authority.
- Copper is a pollutant that threatens aquatic life in our creeks, Delta and the Bay. It is used as an algicide in pools, spas and fountains and copper pipes commonly used in pool plumbing.
- Wastewater treatment plants remove some, but not all, copper from sewage. It's essential to reduce or eliminate the use of copper in pools, spas and fountains so that disposal of pool water to the sanitary system is possible.

A properly maintained pool, spa and fountain will reduce the need for draining.

Maintaining

- Prevent algae problems and reduce the need for draining by: cleaning regularly, maintaining proper chlorine levels and maintaining water filtration and circulation.
- Manage pH and water hardness to minimize copper pipe corrosion that can stain your pool and potentially end up in our creeks, Delta and the Bay.
- Resolve persistent algae problems without copper algicides. Use chlorine or other copper-free alternatives. Ask your pool maintenance service or pool chemical supplier for help. Or search for environmentally-friendly algicides on the internet.

Filter Cleaning

- Never clean a filter in the street, gutter, or in or near a storm drain.
- Rinse cartridge filters with water onto a dirt area and spade filter residue into the soil.
- Backwash sand and diatomaceous earth filters onto a dirt area. Dispose of spent filter materials in the trash. Keep backwash discharges out of the street and storm drain.
- If you don't have a suitable dirt area, contact your local wastewater treatment authority listed in this brochure for instructions on discharging to the sanitary sewer.
- Contact your local household hazardous waste facility regarding proper disposal of pool chemicals. <http://www.co.contra-cost.ca.us/depart/cd/recycle/options/v5951.htm>

