

Guide to MS4

Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

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End of Summer

The end of Summer can mean back to school, one last vacation, or closing down the pool before fall sports begin. Whether you plan to lower the water level or empty the entire pool of water, care should be taken to dispose of the pool water in a safe manner. Discharging pool water into any waters of Pennsylvania is considered a violation of the Clean Streams Law. Pool waters that contain chlorine or any other chemicals can be detrimental to aquatic life if discharged to the storm drains. Discharged pool water has been known to kill fish and create unsafe aquatic conditions for other living organisms.

Slow Release

How to be Stormwater compliant with pools.

1. Allow pool water or chemically treated water to dechlorinate.
2. Dechlorinated water should drain slowly into grassy areas of the yard.
3. Do not drain pool water directly into storm drains or into the street.

