

POOL & SPA MAINTENANCE

Stormwater Best Management Practices

Protect creeks and lakes.
Avoid fines for polluting.



Chlorine Pools & Spas

Chlorinated water can kill fish

Before pumping pool or spa water to a storm drain, creek, pond or lake:

- ✓ Remove chlorine. Do not add any chemicals for approximately 7 days.
- ✓ Test the water. Ensure chlorine is 0 and the pH is between 6-9.
- ✓ Filter algae and debris.

Saltwater Pools & Spas

Saltwater can kill fish

- ✓ NEVER pump saltwater into a storm drain, creek, pond or lake.
- ✓ Pumping saltwater to the sanitary sewer requires permission and a specific flow rate to avoid sewage overflows. Call Charlotte Water (704) 336-4407.

Wash Water & Maintenance Waste

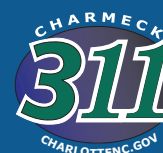
- ✓ NEVER discharge wash water or maintenance waste into a storm drain.
- ✓ Call Charlotte Water (704) 336-4407 for guidance about disposing wash water or waste into the sanitary sewer.
- ✓ Liquid waste can be disposed of through an environmental waste contractor.

Backwashing Filters

- ✓ NEVER let filter backwash drain directly to a storm drain, creek, pond, or lake.
- ✓ Drain filter backwash to the sanitary sewer or an area with vegetation.
- ✓ Ensure the flow of water does not cause erosion.

**Report Spills and Stormwater Pollution to
311 or (704) 336-7600**

For more information, visit StormWater.CharMeck.org



Storm Drains are for Rain Only



Stormwater goes directly to our creeks and lakes without treatment. Pollution that washes away with rain and enters storm drains is called stormwater pollution.

Preventing stormwater pollution is important for:



Drinking Water



Recreation



Fish & Wildlife



Quality of Life

**Pollution *isn't* just bad for
the environment—IT'S ILLEGAL.**

*You can be fined up to **\$10,000** per day, per event.*

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