

Hot tubs and jacuzzis

An increase of just a degree or two of temperature in the watershed can be devastating to lake life.



Here are ways to drain your hot tub (or your pool) safely!

- Choose a place that has grass or vegetation for draining. Just a few feet of grass slows flow, filters residual chemicals, and captures particles.
- Before beginning, remove all trash and debris from the drain area. Skim your pool or spa to remove any solids.
- Wait for hot tubs to cool down before draining.
- Don't drain directly to the curb or gutter.
- Test your water! Make sure that water being drained is dechlorinated to 0.1 ppm or less, and that pH is between 6 to 11.
- Call us at 764-3792. We can help you find the safest way to drain!



*Use your brain when it's
time to drain!*



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waters
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WOULD YOU DRINK



**DIRTY WATER?
NEITHER WOULD THE
FISH!**

POOLS AND SPAS



What's the problem with draining my pool?



It's fine to drain your pool; the problem is how and where you do it!

Draining your pool into the street or onto hard surfaces allows pool chemicals, solids, and algae to enter the storm drains, which run directly into our wetlands, groundwater, and the lake.

Unmanaged pool runoff is unhealthy for the water and the creatures living there. And discharging done wrong **can** be against the law!*

Make your lake happy, and make sure you—or your pool service—know how to do it right!

*(MLMC 13.02, RCW 90.48.080 & Clean Water Act)

Here's some quick rules for spas and pools!

- Never dump unused pool chemicals into a storm drain! Dispose of as household hazardous waste.
- Cleaning wastewater and filter backwash may NOT be discharged to the storm system at any time.
- Pool water may only be discharged to the storm system under certain conditions. See the back of this brochure for draining procedures for pools and hot tubs.
- Call us at 764-3792 prior to draining. Notice of discharge is required, and we can help you find the best way to discharge water on your site!

Where do all these storm drains go?



Did you know? Storm drains are NOT connected to the sanitary sewer or the treatment plant.

In Moses Lake, many storm drains flow directly to the lake or other waterways with no treatment!



Keep our lake as fun to swim in as your pool! Only rain down the drain!