

Draining a pool or spa

Water from swimming pools and spas contains chemicals and properties that, when drained to city rights-of-way, can have negative impacts on plant and aquatic life. The City of Tempe recommends that all discharge water be kept on your property and used for landscape irrigation or be allowed to percolate into the ground. This may require discharging intermittently for several days if you have limited landscape area to prevent runoff onto the right-of-way or onto a neighbor's property. If water from spas, pools, and fountains must be discharged into the street or storm water system, a permit must be obtained at least 48 hours prior to discharge. To obtain a permit, call 480-350-8521 or visit www.tempe.gov/engineering/docs/Pool_permit.htm. For more information or to report illicit discharges to storm drains, call 480-350-2811 or visit www.tempe.gov/env/stormwater.htm.