

## Swimming Pools and Spas

If you own a swimming pool or spa, the important tips below about routine maintenance can help prevent problems. Draining your pool or spa improperly can result in chlorine, suspended solids, nutrients, and abnormal pH entering surface water (streams and lakes).

- Do not drain your pool or spa to a lot, ditch or outside drain where water could enter groundwater, a stream or lake, or a storm drain (all storm drains lead to a stream or lake).
- Do not drain your pool or spa to a septic system, as this action could cause the system to fail.
- Residential spas or pools can be drained to the sanitary sewer system. If the pool or spa does not have a drain nearby, the water will have to be pumped. Before draining your pool or spa to the sanitary sewer, please call the Utilities Department at 425-452-4889. You may be instructed to drain your pool or spa at a certain time of day, depending on the amount of discharge.