



City of East Grand Forks

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STORMWATER BMPs - SWIMMING POOL MAINTENANCE

AFFECTED FACILITIES

These Best Management Practices (BMPs) apply to all municipal swimming pools, wading pools, water parks, spas and decorative fountains that use chemically treated water.

BACKGROUND

The primary pollutants of concern in these types of facilities are chlorine, bromine or chloramines used as disinfectants. These chemicals, if discharged to a storm drain system, can be toxic to aquatic life. Following these BMPs will reduce the pollutants in this discharge water.

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

- **DO NOT** discharge chemically treated water to a street or storm drain.
- **DO** discharge chemically treated water to the sanitary sewer.
- De-chlorinate all water before discharging as per state or municipal requirements.
- Filters should be cleaned and rinsed over a vegetated area or all rinse water should be captured and filtered prior to being discharged into the storm or sanitary sewer systems.
- Store all chemicals in a clean, dry and covered location.
- Be prepared for spills. Clean up spills using appropriate methods and dispose of all waste properly.
- Clean up chemical spills using absorbent materials and then dispose of all waste properly.
- Chemical containers that still have product in them cannot go into the trash. They are hazardous waste and must be disposed of properly.
- Empty chemical containers must be rinsed prior to disposal. The rinse water should be used in your facility just the same as the original chemical. It cannot go down the drain.
- **DO NOT** use water to clean any part of these facilities or paved areas unless wash water drains to grassy areas or to the sanitary sewer.

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR RENOVATION REQUIREMENTS

- All new or renovated pools should be connected to the sanitary sewer for easy discharge of these chemically treated waters.

REQUIRED TRAINING

Train all current employees who perform pool maintenance on this BMP, the Spill Clean-up BMP and the importance of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) annually.

Train all new hires and job transferees who will conduct pool maintenance on this BMP, the Spill Clean-up BMP and the importance of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) before they are assigned to their new duties.

All contracted employees must be provided a copy of this BMP.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Household Hazardous Waste can be disposed of at:

Polk County Environmental Services Transfer Station

320 Ingersoll Ave

Crookston, MN 56716

Monday - 7:00am to 7:00pm

Tuesday through Friday - 7:00am to 5:30pm

Used motor oil and other waste automotive fluids can be disposed of at:

Public Works Department

1001 Second St. N.E.

East Grand Forks, MN 56721

(218) 773-1313

To report an Illicit Discharge, clogged sewer or for answers to questions regarding these stormwater BMPs please contact:

Public Works Stormwater/Wastewater Department

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