# HOT TUB & POOL WATER DISPOSAL

Prevent Pollution



All storm drains in Kirkland flow to the nearest creek, lake or wetland. You can be subject to fines (KMC 15.52, 1.12.200) for allowing pollutants to enter storm drains.

#### **DISPOSAL METHODS**

#### Sanitary Sewer (PREFERRED METHOD)

- Use hot tub or pool's permanent drain connection to sanitary sewer, sanitary sewer cleanout on your property or an indoor drain (ex. utility sink or toilet)
- Never drain water to private septic system

### Landscaped Area (NO SANITARY SEWER ACCESS) or Storm Drain (NO OTHER METHODS AVAILABLE)

- Discontinue adding chemicals & turn off heater
- Use neutralizing chemicals or let water "sit" long enough to reduce chlorine level to 0.10 ppm or less
- Test water to determine chlorine (must be 0.10 ppm or less) and pH levels (must be between 6 and 8)
- Water must be free of coloration, dirt, suds, algae, filter media and acid cleaning wastes
- Water must not flow onto neighboring properties or cause soil erosion

## **TIPS**

- Clean pool or hot tub regularly. Maintain proper chlorine levels, pH, water hardness, water filtration, and circulation
- Do not discharge water to septic system. It is prohibited and may cause the system to fail
- Pool & hot tub filter backwash and cleaning water must be collected, contained, and disposed of in the sanitary sewer system
- Dispose of diatomaceous earth filter material in trash
- Never discharge filter backwash or cleaning water to the ground, surface waters or storm drainage system
- Properly store and dispose of pool chemicals

Have questions about pollution prevention? Visit *kirklandwa.gov/stormwater* or contact Kirkland Public Works at 425-587-3800

# REPORT WATER POLLUTION

Call: (425) 587-3900



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