

Pool water, hot tub water, rain water, melting snow...it's all just water, isn't it?

## Actually, it's not.

Pool and hot tub water contain chlorine and other chemicals. Saltwater pools have high levels of chloride. When drained into the storm sewer system, the chemicals go directly into the river without treatment. The chemicals are toxic to fish and harmful to our environment.

**Thanks for helping us protect our environment and natural areas.**

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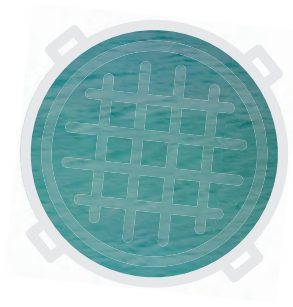
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Brantford's sanitary sewer system collects wastewater from toilets and sinks in your home. The water goes to a treatment plant, where it is treated.

The storm sewer system drains rainwater away from streets.



Everything that enters the storm sewer system flows directly into the environment without treatment.

Anything entering the storm drains, other than rainfall, contributes to water pollution.

# SAFELY MAINTAIN YOUR SWIMMING POOL AND HOT TUB

## Where should I drain my pool or hot tub?

### Drain it on your garden or lawn

- Grassy or vegetated areas on your property will filter out sediment and allow chlorine and organics to be consumed.
- Be mindful of neighbouring properties by not leaving your hot tub or pool hose unattended while draining.

### Salt water pools should never be drained into the storm sewer system.

## Before draining your pool, consider the following tips:

- Stop adding chlorine for 7 days prior to draining.
- Test kits may be used to ensure chlorine and bromine levels are as close to zero as possible.
- Rain and snowmelt collected on your pool cover can be discharged to the storm sewer system if leaves and other debris are removed.

## Owner's Responsibilities

As the owner of a swimming pool, spa or hot tub, you and any pool service company you hire, have a responsibility and legal requirement to safely maintain and operate your pool, spa or hot tub in compliance with the City of Brantford's Sewer Use By-law.

**Help us protect our environment and drinking water. Do not empty swimming pool or hot tub water directly into our storm sewer system.**

