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Other options to safely backwash your pool include discharging into retention basins on your property that have adequate storage, irrigation for your landscaping, or even a third-party septic hauling company, if desired.

The following plants are moderate to very salt and chlorine tolerant and considered safe to irrigate with pool water:

Oleander, Bougainvillea, Rosemary, Bermuda Grass, Desert Broom, Natal Plum, Ice Plant, Texas Sage, Olive, Mesquite, Saltbush, Afghan Pine, Lantana, Pyracantha, Bottlebrush, Yucca, most Acacia, and Palo Verde.

The following plants are considered salt or chlorine sensitive and **not recommended** for irrigation with pool water:

Fruit Trees, Star Jasmine, Hop Bush, Roses, Jojoba, and Hibiscus.

If you have questions regarding how to properly backwash or drain your pool, please contact the Town's Engineering Department at (480) 348-3528.

Questions? Contact us.

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How to Properly Drain Your Pool



Draining and backwashing your pool is an important part of keeping your pool clean and ready for summer swimming. It is important to discharge your pool in a way that protects the environment and your neighbors' properties. Chlorinated pool water can never be discharged to the street, in a storm drain, wash, or on your neighbors' property, as it is a violation of local, state, and federal regulations.

To provide more options for our residents to backwash their pools, The Town of Paradise Valley has recently updated the Town Code to allow residents to drain their swimming pools into the sanitary sewer.

Be sure that your property is not connected to a septic tank before back washing or draining your pool into your clean-out, as this discharge into a septic tank can overwhelm the system and cause it to fail. The Maricopa County Online Septic Research tool allows residents to verify if their property has a septic system: <https://www.maricopa.gov/2581/Online-Septic-Research>.



Draining pool water into sewer

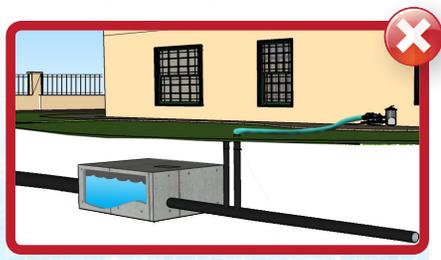
To drain your pool into a sanitary sewer, first locate the sewer clean-out on your property which flows towards the main sewer line. If there are two, use the one closest to the home. Sewer clean-outs are typically four-inch plastic caps located on the ground between the home and the adjacent sewer main. Once the clean-out is located, remove the cap and secure your drainage hose a few inches into the clean-out pipe. Finally, pump the pool water into the sewer. Be aware that pumping pool water too fast into the sewer system can overwhelm your property's sewer lateral, so be cognizant of potential backups due to this situation or a clogged sewer line. If a backup happens, contact a plumber before going any further to ensure there is no clog in the drain.



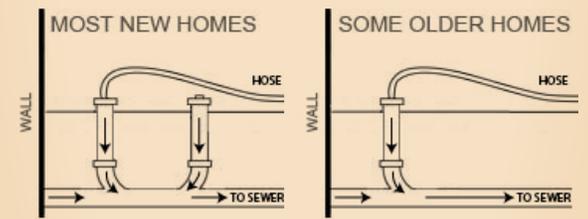
1 Do not backwash or drain your pool into the street.



2 Do not allow pool water to drain onto neighboring yards or into nearby washes.



! Do not drain into a septic tank.



1 Do backwash or drain into the sanitary sewer cleanout.



2 Do backwash into retention areas with tolerant plants and onto turf.



3 Do check plant sensitivity before backwashing into landscape areas.

Caution:

- It is unlawful to have a permanent connection from your pool or spa to your sewer clean-out.
- Using a sewer clean-out located in the wall is risky, and the potential for water backing up into the home is greater.