

## **Keeping Pool Water from Damaging Streams**

As part of regular pool maintenance, residents and pool managers need to be aware of ways to minimize the hazardous impact pool water, which contains chemicals, has on the environment.

- Leave water in pool for at least one week, without chlorinating, prior to draining.
- Drain pool only when test kit indicates no detectable chlorine levels and a pH level of 6.5 – 7.8.
- If your pool contains algae or a black film of organic matter, collect and flush it down the toilet.
- Pump pool water slowly out over a grassy area, so it can soak in. Avoid drainage paths that may spill water onto a neighbor's property.
- Never drain pool water directly into a stream, pond, storm drain, or other body of water.
- Properly store pool chemicals to prevent leaks or spills. In addition, follow the instruction label for proper disposal.

By following these simple steps, you help ensure that your pool will not only provide months of summer fun, but also reduce the number of pollutants it could add to our precious natural water supplies.

Any questions, please contact your municipality.