

Pool (and Ocean) Maintenance

Warm summer days are on the way! Thinking about getting your pool in shape for hours of swimming pleasure? Before you do, follow these easy tips to prevent pool chemicals from entering your street, the storm drains and eventually the ocean.



- ◆ Even if your pool drain is not directly connected to the sanitary sewer, you can discharge *dechlorinated* pool water if:
 - The residual chlorine does not exceed 0.1 mg/L (parts per million);
 - The pH is between 6.5 and 8.5;
 - The water is free of unusual coloration, dirt or algae; and
 - There is no discharge of filter media or acid cleaning wastes



- ◆ Use a pool testing kit to find out how much chlorine is in your water
- ◆ Remove excess chlorine by discontinuing the use of chlorine for a few days prior to discharge or by purchasing dechlorinating chemicals

Remember, pollution prevention begins with you!