



## About the Town

Did you know that the Town has two sewer systems?

- The **sanitary sewer** collects wastewater from homes, business, and industrial sites from sinks, toilets, and other outlets. It goes through pipes to the wastewater treatment plant.
- The **storm sewer** collects rainwater runoff from the streets. In the Town of Gilbert stormwater runoff does NOT go to a wastewater treatment facility before entering our recreational surface waters. It is transported by drains, streets, gutters, curbs, and open channels directly into retention basins, parks, washes, canals, and community lakes.

  
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# Stormwater Pollution Prevention: Pool & Spa

(For Owners & Contractors)



[www.gilbertaz.gov/stormwater](http://www.gilbertaz.gov/stormwater)

## Best Management Practices for Pool & Spa Maintenance:



### Everyday Maintenance:

- Store pool chemicals in covered containers with no leaks. Store in a well ventilated, dry area, out of direct sunlight.
- Dispose of leaves and other materials properly, do not put them where they may wash into the storm system.
- Do not overfill pool; allow room for rainfall.
- Do not discharge backwash water into the street or gutter. It should go to into the sanitary sewer cleanout.
- Recycle your unused chemicals if necessary at the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, which is free to Gilbert Residents. Get the hours and other information at:

[www.gilbertaz.gov/hhw](http://www.gilbertaz.gov/hhw)

### Filter Maintenance & Replacement:



- When replacing the filter, sand, diatomaceous earth, etc., follow the disposal requirements for each specific material.
- Do not clean or rinse filter cartridges into the street or gutter.

## Best Management Practices for Pool Draining:

Follow one of these three options (in order of preference):

1. Drain all or a portion of the pool water onto your personal property.
2. Drain the water into your sanitary sewer cleanout. (Usually in front of your house).
3. Make sure the chemical level is as low as possible and drain into the street. This is your last option and only available if; your street is not subject to flooding, you do not live in a lake community, you do not have a salt water pool, and do not have a green pool.

**Before draining into your clean out call the wastewater division 480-503-6400 and provide the following information; your name, address, phone number, and the date of planned draining.**



Sanitary sewer clean-outs are usually located in the front of your house and will look similar to the photos above. You will have either one or two sewer connections. Be aware, they are sometimes hidden by landscaping.

## Best Management Practices for Pool & Spa Construction:

**Be sure your contractor knows and follows these practices before starting construction or renovation.**

### Manage Sediment Pollution from Excavation by:

- Avoid excavation during wet weather.
- Removing excavating materials as soon as possible; cover piles in the mean time to prevent sediment erosion.
- Prevent track-out and clean up if it occurs.
- Dispose of materials properly, nothing should be washed into the street or gutter.



Report Illegal Dumping or  
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