



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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Swimming Pool-Fountain-Spa-Back-Flush And Draining Standards

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This requirement is primarily directed toward commercial pools, spas, and year-round residential pools. Above ground seasonal pools are prohibited from draining or back-flushing to the curb without de-chlorination.

Salem enforces Oregon Department of Health and Human Services standards for swimming pools, OAR 333-60-110 (3) and OAR 333-60-130 (5), and Oregon Department of Environmental Quality standard for chlorinated water discharges.

In Salem, all pools, fountains, and spas are required to discharge their drainage and filter washing into an approved sanitary sewer system due to the chemicals and potential contaminants. We do approve alternate designs for special conditions, such as properties with septic sewer system and homes with documented de-chlorination plans.

The adjoining surface areas, such as decks and walkways outside buildings, are required to discharge to a planter area, the land, or the storm water system due to the seasonal presence of rainfall.

In the event you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact the Salem Environmental Services Section, at 503-588-6063.