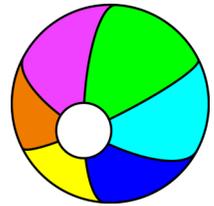




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Tips to Reduce the Impact of Wastewater from Your Swimming Pool

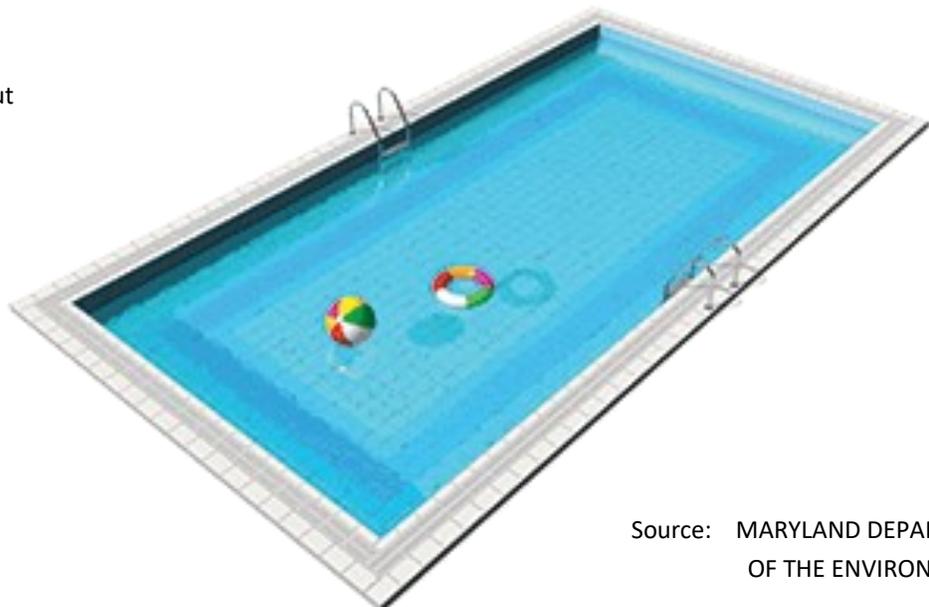
Owners of private pools and spas within the Town limits are allowed to discharge pool wastewater. Persons responsible for these facilities are advised to reduce the impact of wastewater from their facilities through the following measures.



- * Minimize discharges of water from pool draining by maintaining pool filtration system.
- * Minimize discharges of water from pool cleaning by covering pools when not in use;
- * Do not drain or lower water level in the pool until disinfectant levels are non-detectable. Allow the chlorine to dissipate over a few days.
- * If the pool is shock treated, do not backwash or otherwise discharge water until the level of chlorine or other disinfectant has returned to normal. Sodium thiosulfate or sodium metabisulfite can reduce chlorine levels quickly.
- * Make sure water used to acid wash pool is neutralized prior to discharge. Soda ash can be used to keep the pH between 6.0 and 9.0 before discharging.
- * Confine backwash water discharges to the ground, on your property, if possible. Well vegetated or wooded areas are best.
- * Drain pools slowly, using a low volume pump or siphon.

For additional information about
Swimming pools please see

<https://mde.maryland.gov/>



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