



Procedure Number: PN0027-01

Responsible Division: Planning & Engineering

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SUBJECT: Swimming Pool Water Discharge (General Guidance)

I. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The discharge of swimming pool water into the public sewer system is hereby generally authorized by the Department. No further permission from the Department is required.

II. PROCEDURAL GUIDELINES

The Department has approved the general guidelines for residential or commercial discharges of swimming pool water into the public sewer system:

- Plan to perform the discharge during low-use hours of the sanitary sewer system, afternoon and late night hours are generally the lowest times in residential areas.
- Plan to use a small volume pump when discharging the pool water to the lateral line.
- Draining volume should be no greater than 15 gallons per minute.
- Use the access “cap” of the private property sewer cleanout for the point of discharge.
- Use of public manholes or cleanouts, located within the public street is prohibited due to potential traffic and general safety concerns for pedestrians, children, neighbors, etc.
- Control the rate of flow so that the private lateral does not overflow, causing pool water discharge to impact your property or that of neighboring properties.
- Pima County is not responsible for any damages, claims or other impacts resulting either directly or indirectly from residential or commercial discharges of swimming pool water to the public sewer system.