



## Notice

To: All Builders, Developers, Contractors, and Homeowners

From: City of Mt. Juliet, Building Codes Division

RE: Swimming Pool Discharge and Draining Procedures

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There are frequent question about what to do with the water from a swimming pool when they have a leak, repair, maintenance or other issues that make it necessary to drain the water from the pool.

The usual and customary way to drain water requires that the chemical treatment be reduced or neutralized.

The legal rate is to **hold water until it contains no more than three (3) parts per million of chlorine** and then **slowly discharge through a grassy area or across a wide parking/pavement surface** to further reduced the content by exposing the maximum surface possible. They can do this by using a simple chlorine test kit; perhaps the one they already use to keep chemicals balanced otherwise they can be found at any pool or sports store.

When doing pool maintenance one should **always be aware** of the impact, negative or positive, that they may have on **neighbors downstream** of their flow. Talking to folks in the neighborhood before draining goes a long way toward keeping the peace. **Always check with your Homeowners Association and the Building Department (if you have one) before doing pool maintenance or construction in order to stay inline with the neighborhood regulations.**

If you have any questions please call the City of Mt. Juliet Building Inspectors office at (615) 773-6225.