

## **Did You Know You Need a Permit to Drain Swimming Pool Water onto the Street?**

Under Burbank Municipal Code (BMC) Section 8-1- 1004.B(3), the City of Burbank requires that individuals discharging dechlorinated/debrominated swimming pool/spa water obtain a permit from the Public Works Department.

Salt water pools/spas are conditionally allowed to discharge into the storm drain system, subject to meeting (and not exceeding) the following water quality objectives, in addition to other BMP requirements: TDS = 950 mg/l, Sulfate = 300 mg/l, Chloride = 190 mg/l . Please note that salt water pools are prohibited for commercial/ industrial properties.

This brochure explains what you need to do to comply with these laws.



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## **Swimming Pool/Spa Water Discharges**

**How to comply with the City's  
laws regulating swimming  
pool discharges to the street.**



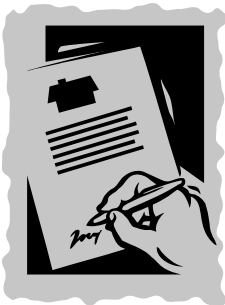
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## How Do I Get a Water Discharge Permit?

You can obtain a Water Discharge Permit by visiting the Public Works Permit Counter located at 150 N Third Street.

## What Does the Permit Require?

The permit requires that the water discharged from a pool/spa to the street, alley, or gutter be dechlorinated or debrominated. Although salt water pools/spas are conditionally allowed to discharge, the City highly discourages the installation and use of salt water pools/spas.



The permit also requires that the discharge occur between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Individuals may not discharge water to the street

on Saturday or Sunday.

If you plan to conduct any acid washing, the acid waste water must be neutralized to a neutral pH before it is discharged to the street.

## How Much Does the Permit Cost?

The permit costs \$37.75 for single family residents and \$47 for multi-family/commercial properties. You can pay for the permit with cash or by check at the Public Works Permit Counter.

## Who Can I Call if I Have Questions?

The staff in the Permits Section of Public Works Engineering are happy to answer any questions you have about water discharge permits or any other permits that Public Works issues. Please call (818) 238-3950.

## Why is This Permit Important?

Water discharged to the street is collected in the storm drain system and carried to local waterways, like the Los Angeles River, which eventually discharge the water to the ocean.

Pollutants like chlorine and salt discharged to the storm drain system can harm aquatic ecosystems, impair the

vitality of natural resources, and harm human health. Unlike the sewer system, water traveling through the storm drain system to the ocean is not cleaned and treated.

To help prevent this type of pollution, the Clean Water



Act prohibits the discharge of pollutants to the storm drain system and requires the City to

operate its storm drain system under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. It is this NPDES permit that requires that the City regulate swimming pool/spa discharges to the street.

**Please help us comply with federal and state law and protect the environment by obtaining a Water Discharge Permit before draining swimming pool water to the street.**

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