

**AR-23. Pool, Spa, and Water Feature Backwashing and Draining**

Pool filters must be washed or backwashed in a manner that does not enter the gutter, streets, or Common Areas. Owners and residents may backwash or drain their pool, spa, or water feature onto a permeable surface, such as a lawn or gravel area on their property and must not allow water to flow onto a neighboring property or infiltrate into the soils under any masonry block fence.

If water from a pool, spa or water feature cannot be safely contained on the Owner's lot, water including water with a high chemical level including water laden with salt, diatomaceous earth (DE), and/or other solids or chemicals, such water should be drained into the **sanitary sewer cleanout**.

Pool water has significantly higher chlorine, salinity, and other chemical levels than tap water and can damage trees and plants. Clean, dechlorinated water and rainwater are the only types of water permitted in the gutter and streets. Never drain a saltwater pool to the street.

Do not drain any pool, spa or water feature to the gutter or streets during the bulk trash pickup week.

For more information and advice, see [Town of Gilbert Pool Draining for Residential Facilities](#).

**Enforcement:**

1. Courtesy written notice of non-compliance.
2. Notice of Fine, \$300 minimum.
3. Repeated non-compliance, Notice of Fine, \$300 minimum, escalated as determined by the Board in its sole discretion.
4. Owners may be held responsible for the costs to repair erosion and damage to trees and landscaping caused by draining or backwashing pools onto or into Common Areas and easements, including the Pathway. The Association shall have the standing and authority to bring an action against the Owner, tenant or other occupant to recover damages or for injunctive relief, or any other remedy available at law or equity.