

Stop Mosquitoes. Backyard Checklist.



- Unclog gutters
- Drain flowerpot dishes
- Apply mosquito dunks, bits and briquettes to drains
- Dump plastic wading pools
- Dispose of unused tires or drill holes in them
- Turn wheelbarrows upside down
- Dump containers in yards
- Fill tree holes with sand or cement
- Check for leaky faucets and/or pipes
- Replace water in bird baths and animal dishes daily
- Place mosquito eating fish in ponds
- Check screens on window and doors for tears
- Keep vegetation trim to prevent adult resting

When outside:

- Use an EPA-approved insect repellent, DEET is most effective.
- Visit www.epa.gov for more information.
- Wear long sleeves and pants.
- Spray insect repellent on your clothes.

How to drain or backwash your pool WHILE PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

NO



- Do not discharge chlorinated pool water, saline pool water, or pool backwash into the street or gutter because this water drains into our creeks, lakes, and rivers without being treated first.
- Remember to dispose of unwanted pool chemicals at a Burseson Hazardous Household Waste collection event, or at the ECC. fortworthtexas.gov/env/ecc/

YES!



YOUR YARD

- Drain your pool or spa water to your vegetated landscape, lawn or rocky areas on your property that allow the water to percolate into the ground.
- Salt or saline pool water contains higher concentrations of salts that can be more damaging to plants and soils. Consider location of discharge as some plants are more salt-tolerant than others.
- Remember to move the drain hose frequently.
- Be sure the pool water does not flow onto your neighbor's property or collect in any areas that may attract mosquitoes.

YES!



THE SANITARY SEWER

- Contact the Water Department to check local procedures.
- Locate the sanitary sewer clean-out on your property and remove the cap.
- Make sure that the pool water is near neutral (pH 6-8), and chlorine is less than 0.01 mg/L.
- Run the drainage hose from a submersible pump in the pool to the clean-out pipe and insert the hose a few inches into the pipe. Be sure to secure the drain hose so it won't pop out. Turn on the pump and check to make sure no water is backing up into the house. The recommended discharge rate is 12 gallons per minute.
- Replace the sanitary sewer clean-out cover when finished.
- Never drain pool or spa to a septic system.

YES!



STORM DRAIN SEWER

DECHLORINATED pool water, with a pH of 6-8.5, from private residential pools may be emptied into the storm drain.

Water must be clear. No salt water, saline water, or backwash can be emptied into the storm drain system.

Contact Environmental Services for more information.

NOTES:

Where there is no sanitary sewer and it is not possible to discharge the pool or spa water to the ground, a professional pool-draining service must be hired to collect all water for on-site disposal at an approved location.

For public or commercial pools: Any discharge of water from a public pool must abide with RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO SWIMMING POOLS AND OTHER RELATED FACILITIES found at dshs.texas.gov/PoolSpa/. All discharges from public pools must be piped to the sanitary sewer.