
ATTENTION SPA & SWIMMING POOL OWNERS



DO YOU KNOW THE CORRECT WAY TO DISPOSE OF POOL CHEMICALS?

Pool & Spa water maintenance requires strong chemicals that may be poisonous and toxic. The purpose of this brochure is to remind you that there are new rules on how you must dispose of these chemicals.

As a pool or spa owner you are in contact with a number of corrosive

and toxic chemicals, which Include:

- Muriatic acid also known as hydrochloric acid, used to lower water PH
- Soda ash, and sodium carbonate used to raise water PH
- Sodium hypochlorite [liquid chlorine] or calcium hypochlorite [solid tablets] used as disinfectants
- Diatomaceous earth or sand, for water filtration
- Pool & Spa water, which has been treated with the above chemicals



Disposal of these chemicals is as important to our community and the environment as the disposal of hazardous waste by industry. New regulations DO NOT permit homeowners to drain their pool or spa water into the storm drains (curbside gutter). This is also a violation of the Torrance Municipal Code.

WHAT ARE THE PROPER DISPOSAL METHODS?



Pool & Spa chemicals can be disposed of at any household hazardous waste roundup. Call the Torrance Fire Department Fire Prevention Division [310-618-2973]

Filtering media such as diatomaceous earth or sand can

be dried and disposed of in the trash or flushed into the household sanitary sewage system

Pool & SPA water

✓ The City requires that pool & spa water shall be drained into a dry well or sanitary sewer. If in the sanitary sewer it must be done between the hours of 8:00PM and 6:00AM

✓ At no time should pool or spa water be drained onto the street and allowed to run into the storm drain.

NEED SOME FURTHER ANSWERS YOU CAN CONTACT THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES:

Household Hazardous Waste Roundups: occur on a monthly basis within the county of Los Angeles. Call:

**(888) CLEAN-LA, or
(800) 238-0172**

to obtain the latest information on when and where the roundup will take place.



As most pool chemicals are toxic and may present a reaction hazard if mixed together; DO NOT mix pool chemicals together, keep them separated and in their original containers.

OTHER IMPORTANT CONTACT NUMBERS:

To report any illegal dumping or misplaced chemicals call the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works
(800) 303-0003

or Community Development Department
Environmental Division

(310) 618-5929

For more information on pool chemicals call the Torrance Fire Department Hazardous Materials Division,

(310) 618-2973

For all emergencies dial

911



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