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MAINTAINING

YOUR POOL AND SPA

Did you know…that copper is a pollutant that threatens aquatic life in our creeks and in the Bay? Copper is used as an algaecide in pools, spas and fountains; and **copper** pipes are commonly used in pool plumbing. Draining pools, spas and fountains to storm drains can pollute creeks with **copper**, chlorine, sediments and other contaminants.

Did you know…that storm drains flow directly into our creeks and the Bay? Storm drains flow directly into our creeks and the Bay **without treatment**.

Did you know…that a properly maintained pool, spa and fountain will reduce the need for draining? Please make note of the following information.

MAINTENANCE:

- Clean regularly, maintain proper chlorine levels and maintain water filtration and circulation.
- Manage pH and water hardness to minimize **copper pipe corrosion** that can stain your pool and end up in our creeks and the Bay.
- Minimize algae buildup to prevent the need for toxic algaecides.
- Ask your pool maintenance service for help resolving persistent algae problems without using **copper** algaecides.

CLEANING:

- Never clean a filter in the street, gutter or storm drain.
- Rinse cartridge filters onto a dirt area and spade filter residue into the soil.
- Keep backwash discharges out of the street and storm drain. Backwash sand and diatomaceous earth filters onto a dirt area. Dispose of spent filter materials in the trash.
- If you don't have a suitable dirt area, contact your

Looks pretty, doesn't it? But emptying your pool water into storm drains can seriously impact our creeks and the Bay.

COFFEE WITH THE MAYOR

You are invited to "Coffee with the Mayor" which is normally held on the third Friday of each month at 9:30am at City Hall. Use this opportunity to meet with the Mayor in an informal setting to discuss City or neighborhood issues. No appointment is necessary. Upcoming meetings are September 21, October 19 and November 16.

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