



# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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**Date:** May 28, 2013

**To:** Code Services Staff

**From:** Brad Claussen, Building Official

**Subject:** Draining of Permanently Installed Swimming Pools

Neither the International Plumbing Code nor any City ordinance gives specific direction on exactly where to drain permanently installed swimming pools. I have spoken with both the Assistant Director of Public Works / Utilities and the Public Works Stormwater Engineer and all have agreed that the preferred method would be to drain these pools to the sanitary sewer. If sanitary sewer is not available on or adjacent to the site, pools may be drained to a stormwater collection point. This should be done so that the pool is drained in an area that has pervious surface (lawn) before it reaches the storm sewer system. Discharging directly into the storm sewer system should not be allowed.

Portable pools may still be drained into the yard in a manner as noted above. Existing pools may stay connected to either the sanitary or stormwater system as they were when installed. When any pool is demolished, the drain should be capped if it is connected to the sanitary sewer system. Let me know if you have any questions.