

Dive Into Pool Season Prep with a Splash of Conservation

As the weather warms and days get longer, make sure your pool is in top shape and ready for the summer fun ahead. Even with proper and regular pool maintenance, many Las Vegas pool professionals recommend draining your swimming pool—either completely or partially—every three to five years.

While draining your pool into the street is tempting and may seem convenient, local water-waste ordinances prohibit discharging pool water to the street or storm drains; all water must be drained directly to the sanitary sewer system. This allows the water to be treated and returned to Lake Mead for reuse, which decreases the strain on our community's resources and helps with our conservation efforts.

You do not need to notify the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) or your local water provider when you drain your pool. However, following these guidelines can help you avoid potential water-waste fines:

- Turn off power to the pool's filtration system and the automatic water fill valve.
- Find the sewer clean-out port near your home (usually in the ground near a water spigot).
- Connect a hose from the clean-out port to a submersible pump. Lower the pump into the pool's deep end, and monitor flow in the clean out-port, watching for water backup in sinks and showers. If backup happens, stop and call a plumber.
- Refill the pool promptly to prevent potential sunlight damage to the plaster.
- Delaying the switch to the summer watering schedule while refilling your pool can help you manage your water bill and avoid excessive water use.

If your pool has a dedicated sewer connection, check your owner's manual, or contact your pool contractor for specific draining instructions. Visit [snwa.com](https://www.snwa.com) for more information on proper pool drainage and tips on mitigating high water bills during a pool refill.

SNWA's \$5 Water Smart Landscapes Rebate Program Continues

Spring also is an ideal time to convert your thirsty grass to desert-adapted landscape through the SNWA's Water Smart Landscape Rebate program (WSL).

For a limited time, the SNWA is offering homeowners ONLY a cash incentive of \$5 per square foot of grass (up to the first 10,000 square feet) replaced by the end of 2024. Beginning in 2025, the incentive will revert to \$3 per square foot.

Since the WSL program's launch in 1999, the community has converted more than 223 million square feet of grass and has saved more than 176 billion gallons of water. In addition to the rebate, water-efficient, drip-irrigated landscaping offers numerous benefits including lower water bills, reduced maintenance, and decreased risk of water waste fees.

Trade your grass for cash today! Visit [snwa.com](https://www.snwa.com) to learn more about the WSL program.