



From the Town of Rotterdam DPW:

Reminder to residents that water restrictions are in effect in all water districts in Rotterdam, from May 1 through October 15, lawn sprinkling, garden sprinkling and other use of public water shall be restricted to the following days and times:

Automatic lawn sprinkler systems and manually placed lawn sprinklers or handheld;

(By Property Address)

EVEN-numbered calendar days from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

ODD-numbered calendar days from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Sprinkling outside of the designated days and hours is strictly prohibited.

This is to maintain sufficient water supply and pressure at all times for fire protection and household use.

Practice safe lawn care guidelines and please follow manufacturer's label instructions when applying pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers on your lawn.

Properties utilizing a private well for irrigation and sprinkling must have a current permit on display and be visible from the road. Contact DPW – 518-355-7575 ext. 395 to renew your permit. Well permits are good for three (3) years and need to be renewed.

Swimming pool discharges for salt water pools are strictly prohibited from draining into the Town's stormwater system. The attached New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Publication provides guidance on discharging non-salt water pool water into the Town's stormwater system.

Keeping our environment safe is everyone's responsibility.

Any questions, please call the Rotterdam DPW @ 518-355-7575, ext. 395.



DEC

Swimming Pool Discharges (General Guidelines)

Be a Good Swimming Pool Neighbor!

Under certain conditions, draining swimming pools can cause fish kills and other harmful environmental impacts.

Failure to follow appropriate procedures and to implement appropriate testing and other safeguards may constitute discharge of pollutants without a State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit, could result in fish kills and other types of damage, and may cause the discharger to be subject to significant fines and to other civil and criminal liabilities

Under most conditions (when proper environmental safeguards are carefully followed) New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) will not require SPDES Permits for draining of swimming pools to the ground.

Discharging pool water directly to or within 250 ft. of a stream, pond, lake or wetland may be prohibited or require a SPDES permit.

Be Astute and Don't Pollute!

- As a general rule, a 10 day holding time (after the last chemical treatment) is usually adequate to dissipate chlorine prior to discharge.
- Pool water should be essentially free of chlorine (≤ 0.1 ppm total chlorine), algaecides, and other potential pollutants prior to discharge.

Pollution Prevention Unit
NYS DEC, 625 Broadway, 12th floor
Albany, NY 12233-8010

- Bubbling, cascading or other forms of aeration will help to remove chlorine from the water.

- pH should be within a normal range (6 to 9). pH adjustment chemicals, instructions and test kits are available at any pool supply store.

- Pool discharges should be done slowly to prevent soil erosion, flooding, or damage to adjacent properties (the recommended maximum discharge rate is 25 gal/min or less).

- Filter system backwash should be handled and disposed of in an environmentally responsible manner.

- When in doubt, test your pool water to ensure that it is safe prior to release or discharge.

Keep Our Water Safe and Clean!

Remember, it is up to each one of us to do our part to protect the environment, be a good neighbor, and to comply with the law.

For additional information regarding the responsible discharge of water from swimming pools and any other water permit requirements, contact the Division of Water at your NYSDEC Regional Office.

NYSDEC Regional Office Phone Numbers:

Region 1 (631) 444-0420	Region 2 (718)482-6516
Region 3 (914) 332-1835	Region 4 (518) 367-2380
Region 5 (518) 623-3671	Region 6 (315) 793-2554
Region 7 (315) 426-7500	Region 8 (585) 226-5445
Region 9 (716) 851-7190	

You can also contact the Pollution Prevention Unit (PPU) at 1-800-462-6553.

Or contact our websites:

NYSDEC website: www.dec.state.ny.us/

PPU website: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/ppu

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