

Town of Jamestown Swimming Pool Policy

(Adopted by Town Council on March 20, 2007)

The Town of Jamestown will monitor all swimming pools for the purpose of protecting the Town's water distribution system from possible backflows and cross connections and to ensure that chlorinated water is not disposed of in an improper manner.

It is the Town of Jamestown's intent for all swimming pools (including hot tubs and spas) to drain to the sewer collection system for proper treatment. The chemicals used to maintain proper pH, alkalinity, and disinfection in swimming pools are not to be discharged to the surface waters or to stormwater drains. To protect the waters of the State, the Town requires that these discharges be routed to the sanitary sewer system either by an approved direct plumbing connection or by pumping to an active clean-out on the sewer system.

In specific cases where the customer can demonstrate that there is no discharge of swimming pool water to the sanitary sewer system (i.e. the facility has water in it all year), the customer may request a credit of sewer charges according to the following:

- The customer must request the credit in writing by completing the Pool Sewer Credit form available by contacting Town Hall.
- The Town may make an adjustment for the sewer portion of a customer's utility bill due to the filling of a swimming pool with water that has registered on a Town water meter. It must be shown that the water was used to "top off" or maintain a water level only; or it was water lost due to a pool liner leak; or some other situation that prevented it from returning to the sanitary sewer. The water loss must be at least 4 units (3,000 gallons) to qualify for this credit to the sewer portion of a customer's utility bill.
- The adjustment will be calculated by the Town based upon previous usage records.
- Tankers used for filling swimming pools will be charged for water only. However, the vendor must get the appropriate hydrant permit from the Town.
- The Director of Public Services, or his designee, will resolve any disputes regarding the issuance of a sewer credit.

Community pools must have a separate meter and backflow prevention device.

Refer to the Jamestown Manual for the Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Ordinance for device requirements.