

Did You Know?

Dumping Leaves, Grass Cuttings and Other Debris into the Nottawasaga River adds Organics which is a contributor to the Black Detritus “Beach Muck” that often shows up along the Water’s Edge of the Beach

The County of Simcoe offers Curb Side Pick Up of Yard Waste throughout the Spring and Fall. Please refer to the County Waste Management Calendar for details

Draining your Chlorinated Pool or Spa Water into the Nottawasaga River or other Watercourses kills Fish & harms the Natural Ecosystem

You should Never Drain your Pool, Hot Tub or Spa on a Rainy Day

You Have A Responsibility

Dispose of your leaves, grass cuttings and any other yard waste by either composting them privately, utilizing the County of Simcoe’s Yard Waste Collection Program or dispose of them for free at Landfill sites.

You and your hired pool service provider are LEGALLY responsible for the safe maintenance and operation of your pool. This includes draining or discharging of the water. The Town of Wasaga Beach actively encourages owners to safely discharge pool, hot tub or spa water in a way that will protect the area’s water quality, fish and aquatic life. Report a spill to provincial authorities if water from a pool, hot tub, or spa has gone into a stream, river, or storm sewer without proper treatment.

Contact the Ontario Ministry of the Environment. **1-800-268-6060**

**The Town Of Wasaga Beach
Thanks you for protecting our
Natural Environment**

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Dumping into the Nottawasaga River and Other Watercourses



What's Wrong With Dumping Into The Nottawasaga River or Other Watercourses?

Dumping of grass clippings, leaves, tree branches and any other type of "foreign" materials into the Nottawasaga River is harmful to the natural ecosystem, specifically the fish and plant habitat that call the River home. It is the natural decaying of leaves and wood that produces the "Detritus" or the black muck that washes onto the Beach front.



Pool, Hot Tub and Spa water all can contain chemicals such as chlorine, bromine, chloride salts, and algacides, all of which are designed to kill and prevent the growth of algae and bacteria, which help to sustain both fish and plant life within watercourses.

Where Should I Dispose of My Yard Waste?

The County of Simcoe offers a Yard Waste Collection Program for Residents of Wasaga Beach. Curb Side pick up is available bi-weekly during the months of April and May and again in October to mid-December. Additionally, it can be disposed of for free at the County land-fill sites anytime of the year.

Alternatively, you can compost your yard waste (leaves and grass cuttings) privately on your own property, by utilizing a private compost bin. The compost derived can then be used in your gardens. Bins can be purchased at local stores or at the County landfill sites.

Where Should I Discharge My Pool, Hot Tub or Spa Water?

Chlorinated Water

DISCHARGE YOUR DECHLORINATED WATER ACROSS YOUR LAWN leading to the storm sewer or roadside ditch so some of the water is absorbed into the lawn. (**Never directly into a watercourse**)

Salt Water

DISCHARGE SALT WATER pools directly to the sanitary sewer system by utilizing the connection on your property (sinks, toilet, etc.) **OR HAVE THE SALT WATER HAULED AWAY** by an approved and licensed Ministry of the Environment hauler, if it cannot be properly drained by the above methods. (**Never directly into a watercourse**)

Wasaga Beach Has Two Different Types of Sewer Systems

Sanitary Sewer

This sewer system collects sewage and wastewater from your home. This water is treated at the Town's Water Pollution Control Plant prior to being released into the Nottawasaga River.



Storm Sewer

This sewer system collects rainwater, melted snow and surface water through storm catchbasin grates that drain directly into nearby creeks and streams which then flow into either the Nottawasaga River or the Nottawasaga Bay. **This water is not treated at the Water Pollution Control Plant.**

