

THE SERGEANT BLUFF

HORIZON

FREE CLEAN-UP WEEK

For the duration of Free Cleanup Week, dumping of non-white good items is free of charge for Sergeant Bluff residents only. **You must have the annual pass to access the site.** It can be obtained by visiting City Hall. Please visit our website for a list of items excluded from dumping:

WWW.CITYOFSERGEANTBLUFF.COM.

All items must be taken to the City compost site. There will be no curb pickup. The compost site will **close** after cleanup week and re-open in the spring.

CLEANUP WEEK HOURS:

November 11th – 15th

Monday - Friday 9:00 am to 7:00 pm

November 16th

Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Drop off location: Public Works Compost Site located north on South Lewis Boulevard, approximately one block past the Sioux City Brick yard and right onto Ridge Road, then an immediate left.

YARD SIGN RESTRICTIONS

The City of Sergeant Bluff would like to remind you that **all yard signs** must be placed behind the sidewalk, **OUTSIDE** of the Right of Way, per Ord. 155.13(2). It is also against City Ordinance to post signs to telephone poles or Iowa DOT sign posts, per Ord. 155.13(7). Yard signs are not to be placed on any property owned by the city and may be removed by law enforcement if found on city property (Iowa Code 68A.406 2a(1)).



RADON TESTS

Radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the US. The only way to know if radon is in your home is to test for it. The Siouxland District Health Department sells short term radon test kits for \$7.00. The cost of the kit includes the testing, postage and results. Testing is recommended every 2 years for homes without a mitigation system. Call 712-279-6119 for more information or stop by 1014 Nebraska Street in Sioux City to purchase a kit today!



ELECTRONICS RECYCLING EVENT

The City of Sergeant Bluff is sponsoring an electronics recycling event on Saturday, November 16th, between 8 am and 12-noon next to the Community Center. They will take all sorts of electronic items, which includes anything that can be plugged in. They will not take books or paper. Cash or check is acceptable. Fees range from \$5 to \$35.

CALENDAR

- Oct 1 – Planning & Zoning Meeting @ 6:00 pm
- Oct 2 – Senior Committee Meeting @ 3:30 PM
- Oct 8 – Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Oct 16 – Library Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Oct 16 – Joint Council Meeting with Parks Board @ 5:00 PM
- Oct 20 – Utility Bill Due Date
- Oct 22 – Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM
- Oct 24 – Community Action Team @ 12:00 PM
- Oct 3, 17, 31 – Recycle Days

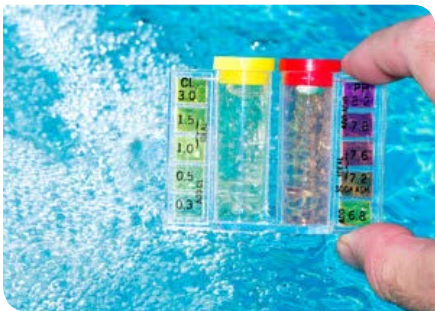


ILLICIT DISCHARGE REMINDER

DRAINING POOLS & SPAS



Chlorinated and saltwater can directly enter nearby streams if discharged into a storm sewer intake (ISWEP)



Ensure chlorine levels are below 0.1 mg/L prior to emptying your pool or spa. (PoolCareLab.com)



Improper draining of pool backwash onto impervious surface leading to a storm sewer intake. (Cape Water Harvest)

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How can water from pools and spas be harmful?

Water from a spa or pool is routinely treated with chlorine to prevent bacterial growth that can be hazardous to humans. However, chlorinated water is deadly to freshwater aquatic life in Iowa. In order to protect the quality of water that is entering nearby ponds, rivers, and streams, water from a pool or spa is prohibited from being discharged directly into the storm sewer system.

How should you drain your pool or spa?

Prior to draining your pool or spa completely, you must discontinue the addition of salt and chlorine. Test to ensure chlorine is below 0.1 mg/L and the pH is between 6.5 and 8.5 before draining. There are two options for non-salt water discharges. First, discharge directly to the sanitary sewer via a drain in the home. All salt water discharges should be directed to the sanitary sewer. Contact local wastewater authorities to make sure this is a viable option. Or, discharge the pool and spa water across a flat vegetated area (not directly onto paved surfaces). Drain water over at least 15 feet of grassy landscape first to allow the remaining chemicals to dissipate before reaching the storm drain. Keep the water flow low, about 12 gallons per minute to prevent erosion of soil and vegetation. Wastewater from backwash filter systems should be directed to the sanitary sewer through a drain in the home.

What is an illicit discharge?

"Illicit discharge" is defined as any discharge that is not entirely composed of stormwater (EPA) and can include effluent from septic tanks, car wash wastewaters, laundry wastewaters, improper disposal of auto and household toxics, and water from pools and spas. Pollutants in these discharges significantly degrade water quality in receiving waters and threaten aquatic, wildlife, and human health. Failure to follow the guidelines noted above could result in a fine under City code.

Learn More!

Contact your City's Stormwater coordinator for more information about properly draining your pool or spa. You can also visit www.iowaStormwater.org to learn more about the importance of preventing stormwater contamination.

