

# 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.CITYOFSEERGEANTBLUFF.COM](http://WWW.CITYOFSEERGEANTBLUFF.COM).

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

### CLEANUP WEEK HOURS:

November 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>

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

November 14<sup>th</sup>

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 Glen-Gery brick yard (Sioux City Brick) and right onto Ridge Road, then an immediate left.

## GARBAGE HOLIDAYS

The garbage company utilized by the City of Sergeant Bluff observes the following holidays and they will run 1 day behind after the day of the holiday (when it falls on a weekday).

- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving
- Christmas
- New Years

*Pioneer Bank is a proud sponsor of the City of Sergeant Bluff's Welcome Packet for new residents.*



Member FDIC

LOCATED AT 202 1<sup>ST</sup> STREET,  
SERGEANT BLUFF 712-943-5511



## CALENDAR

Oct 6 – Planning & Zoning Meeting  
@ 6:00 pm

Oct 13 – Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Oct 20 – Utility Bill Due Date

Oct 21 – Library Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Oct 21 – Parks Board @ 5:30 PM

Oct 27 – Community Action Team  
@ 12:00 PM

Oct 27 – Council Meeting @ 5:30 PM

Oct 1, 15, 29 – Recycle Days

## NOTICE OF PROCEDURE FOR REQUESTING INFORMATION FROM OR REGISTERING COMPLAINTS WITH CITY OF SERGEANT BLUFF CONCERNING ELECTRICITY SERVICE

Persons desiring to request information from or register complaints with  
CITY OF SERGEANT BLUFF  
CONCERNING ELECTRICITY SERVICE may do so by contacting:

City of Sergeant Bluff  
401 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
712-943-4244

If the utility has not been able to help you with your problem concerning  
your electricity service, you may contact the Iowa Utilities Board toll  
free at 1-877-565-4450. You may also write the Iowa Utilities Board at  
1375 E Court Ave, Iowa 50319-0069, or by E-mail at  
Customer@iub.iowa.gov

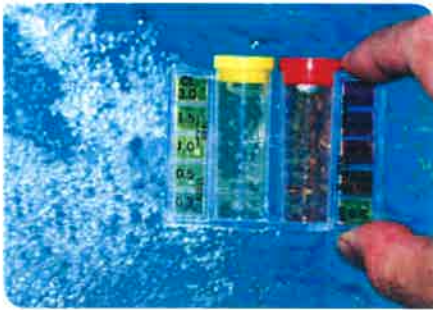


## ILLICIT DISCHARGE REMINDER

# 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)*

### 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](http://www.iowaStormwater.org) to learn more about the importance of preventing stormwater contamination.

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