

## Subject: Important Drainage Rules & Pool Backwash Hose Guidance

Dear Shores Residents,

At the July 2024 Board of Directors meeting, the following architectural rules were voted on and approved.

Please read carefully, as these rules are now in effect and are intended to protect our lake banks, maintain proper drainage, and help manage maintenance costs. Note: References to Lake #1 below are for the large lake inside of Sea Grass Circle.

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**Pool Backwash Hose Use** – This change affects **all homeowners** and is **effective immediately**. When lowering your pool water level, it is critical to do so in a way that prevents erosion and protects our shared environment. Homeowners must follow one of the approved methods below:

- **Option 1:** If you live on a lake, your backwash hose must reach **directly to the waterline** to avoid runoff and erosion on the lake bank.  
**Backwash hoses must not be left out or lying across lawns or walkways when not in use**—this applies to *all* homeowners.
  - **Option 2:** Direct pool water to the **front of your home**, allowing it to flow down the street and into the storm drains.
  - **Option 3:** Homes on **Lake #1** may connect their pool backwash hose to the **underground drainage pipe system** installed during the lake bank restoration.  
While these pipes were primarily intended for rainwater from gutters, they may be used for pool drainage when Options 1 or 2 are not feasible. Homeowners are responsible for identifying and creating a connection system to these pipes if they choose this option.
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**Gutter Spout Drainage** – This rule applies to all homes on lakes where lake bank restoration has been completed. As of this notification, only Lake #1 (the large lake inside Sea Grass Circle) has been completed. This rule will be fully enforced by **November 1<sup>st</sup> 2025 extending the previous July 2024 notice**.

Gutter downspouts must be extended to discharge water into PVC pipe provided during the lake restoration to prevent topsoil erosion. Additionally, drainage pipes and downspouts located within 50 feet of the lake must be redirected and connected to the PVC pipe.

Gutter spouts may not be placed in a manner or direction that causes abnormal or increased water pooling, lake bank soil erosion, or any other type of damage or degradation to the lake bank or shoreline.

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The Shores at Boca Raton will be actively enforcing these rules. We encourage all homeowners to review the guidelines and make any needed adjustments now, so your property remains in compliance. Taking these steps helps us avoid violations while ensuring the lake banks, drainage systems, and overall appearance of our neighborhood remain in great condition

We appreciate your cooperation in following these community guidelines. These measures are essential to maintaining the integrity and beauty of our neighborhood and its lakes.

If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

**The Shores Board of Directors**