



# **TECHNICAL BULLETIN**

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## ***Outdoor Showers at Swimming Pools***

### **INTRODUCTION**

The California Plumbing Code requires that fixtures used to receive or discharge liquid must be connected to the building drainage system. The Code prohibits connection of rain water drainage to the building drainage system. The following guidelines apply to outdoor showers at swimming pools and other lodations.

### **TECHNICAL DETAILS**

**Unenclosed cold water showers with no shower drain provided:** Typically, these would be located at or adjacent to the pool decking. These may be allowed to run off into landscaped areas or similar areas where they will not create a nuisance. They cannot drain into streams, water ways or the pool.

**Showers with hot and cold water or cold water showers with a drain:** These will require a shower drain connected to the building drainage (sanitary) system. The shower must be provided with a roof and must be located in a manner that will exclude rain, run off from decks, roofs or other areas from entering into the shower drain.

### **REFERENCES**

2001 California Plumbing Code Section 304.0 and 306.2  
Sonoma County Residential Construction Handbook Section 18

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