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Dear Homeowners:

It's hard to think about summer and fun at the pool with all the excitement surrounding the recent snowfall. However, that is exactly what many of us at Community Club Management are now involved with – and we need your help!

Undoubtedly, you are aware of the severe drought situation in our area, but many of you may not know that the state and local counties are considering not allowing us to open pools this summer. The following two links may be of interest to you:

<http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/printedition/2008/01/13/pool01131.html> and  
[http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/stories/2008/01/04/poolside\\_0105.html?cxntlid=homepage\\_tab\\_newstab](http://www.ajc.com/metro/content/metro/stories/2008/01/04/poolside_0105.html?cxntlid=homepage_tab_newstab)

The Georgia Chapter of The Association of Pool and Spa Professionals (APSP) has worked tirelessly gathering information regarding the social, economic, and health benefits of the pools in our region. Pools and swim leagues offer children a healthy activity that builds strong bodies and fill their summer with new friends and terrific memories. The pool industry accounts for approximately \$150 million of direct revenue and \$55-\$60 million of taxable revenue to the state of GA. Unmanaged pools could become a summer public health problem if unattended pools become havens for bacteria, parasites and West Nile virus-carrying mosquitoes. Both the heads of the Fulton and Cobb County Environmental Health Departments have publicly stated that pools should be exempt from the current state water ban.

There is a huge misconception that pools waste water. Pools mainly lose water due to evaporation and splash. The APSA has determined that normal evaporation (from an average size pool) is approximately 5,300 gallons in a swim season – this equates to about the same amount used by a family of four (4) brushing their teeth during the same timeframe.

We believe that the state will ultimately require the individual counties to make the decision regarding pools this summer. Most counties require pools to be permitted before the pool is open. Whether they are open or not will be tied to these permits. We also believe that some counties will permit and others will not. Our hands will be tied once the counties make these decisions. We will not be able to “truck water in” as has been suggested or maneuver around their restrictions as the Associations insurance is reliant on the proper permitting.

We all want to be good citizens and follow the drought policies set forth by our local government however; we want these individuals to make their decisions based on facts rather than certain misconceptions. **This is where we need your help!** We have listed below the key contacts in the Atlanta area. We encourage you to email each of these individuals to show your concern and desire for the pools to be open this summer.

We appreciate your assistance with this worthwhile effort. We will update our website at [www.communityclubmgmt.com](http://www.communityclubmgmt.com) as additional information becomes available. This is all the information we have at this time.

Sincerely,



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Cherokee – [www.cherokeega.com](http://www.cherokeega.com)

Cobb – [www.cobbcounty.org](http://www.cobbcounty.org)

DeKalb – [www.co.dekalb.ga.us/](http://www.co.dekalb.ga.us/)

Forsyth - [www.forsythco.com](http://www.forsythco.com)

Fulton – [www.fultoncountyga.gov](http://www.fultoncountyga.gov)

Gwinnett – [www.gwinnettcounty.com](http://www.gwinnettcounty.com)

Hall - [www.hallcounty.org/](http://www.hallcounty.org/)

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