

Will Aurora Fire fill my swimming pool???

Every year, we get asked if we fill swimming pools. The short answer is no, for the following reasons:

1. We'd be competing with private businesses who deliver water.
2. The water sources we fill our tenders from (i.e. fire hydrants), depending on where you live in our jurisdiction, belong to the City of Aurora, the City of Donald, or other water providers, so it's their water to sell. Our agreements with those water providers is that we are free to use the water for firefighting and training. Our other source would be for us to draft it out of the Pudding River....but I don't think you want that water in your pool!
3. Some people think that we might use swimming pools as a water source for firefighting, and could justify it that way, but consider that we would have to put a 40,000+ pound truck within 20 feet of the pool in order to pump from it....it's pretty rare for pools to be that close to a road that can support that weight. Above ground pools really don't work, as the weight of a 6" diameter hose full of water draped over the side of the pool would collapse the sidewall of the pool.
4. We have 2 water tenders that carry a total of 7,500 Gallons of water, not to mention the thousands of gallons of water available through aid from other agencies. So the chance of us needing more water than that for a house fire is very low.
5. We would have to take an in-service water tender with a firefighter, out-of-service to fill pools, which could prevent a rapid response to a fire if we were empty. Our fire apparatus is for just that, fires, and will have to remain ready when it is needed.

Thank you for your understanding. If you need water delivered, there are businesses available that can be found via internet search.

