Lakes or Ponds as Mikva

A lake or pond may be a *kosher mikva* if it is:

- Fed from ground water (percolates through the soil); or
- Primarily fed from a spring; or
- Primarily fed from rain.

NOTE The rain must run into the lake or pond directly. If the water enters, or drains out, via pipes, it is not a *kosher mikva*. However, if the lake or pond gets rain from run-off from streets through pipes, it might be a *kosher mikva*. Consult a *rabbi*.

NOTE A lake or pond that drains out through a river or stream may not be a *kosher mikva*. Consult a *rabbi*.

NOTE A lake or pond into which a river or stream empties, might be a *kosher mikva*. Consult a *rabbi*.

NOTE A lake or pond with a river running into it and then out of it is considered a river. For immersing in a river, see Rivers as *Kosher Mikva*.

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