

Criteria For Closing a Wading Pool and Splash Pad

Owners and Operators are required to immediately close a wading pool or splash pad when any of the following conditions are observed:

- Water clarity poor.
- Visible hazards are in the water (e.g., fouling, faeces, vomit, blood, chemical, broken glass).
- Filtration or circulation system is not working.
- Suction entrapment hazards including missing/loose/broken drain cover, single main drain with no anti-entrapment drain cover, single main drain with no anti-entrapment device (safety vacuum release system, vacuum limiting vent system, gravity drainage system or other engineered anti-entrapment design).
- Drain cover or fittings missing or not in good repair.
- Equalizer(s) valves open.
- Emergency communication device is not available or malfunctioning.
- Lifesaving safety equipment is missing and/or not in good repair.
- Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) is not working and/or there is an electrical hazard.
- Disinfectant not detected in wading pool or recirculating splash pad water.
- Upper limit for the Free Available Chlorine is above 10ppm.
- Water chemistry not within acceptable range on multiple parameters.
- Any other conditions that may constitute a health hazard e.g., power outage, wading pool/splash pad are not maintained in a safe condition, confirmation of pathogenic agents such as cryptosporidium.

Wading pools:

- Wading pool not made inaccessible when closed (e.g., no gate, or facility is located in same area as other recreational facility that has been closed and access cannot be restricted).
- Fail to meet minimum supervision requirements at wading pool.
- Emergency stop button missing and/or not immediately stopping all pumps.
- Cyanuric acid concentration is greater than 90 mg/L in outdoor wading pool (cyanuric acid should not be present in indoor wading pools).
- Water quality is poor and/or the main drain and the bottom of all areas of the wading pool are not clearly visible.

Re-circulating Splash Pads:

- Ultraviolet light (UV) is not provided on the circulation system of spray pad/splash pad.