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## **Municipality of French River Splash Pad Policy**

### **POLICY**

To reduce the risk of injury, illness or death to splash pad users, especially where young children are present. The facility should be operated and maintained in a safe and sanitary manner.

### **PURPOSE**

Following guidelines from the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, the Municipality of French River is adopting this policy to deal with adverse events.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide procedures in the event of an adverse event.
- Inform the public at the French River Community Splash Pad, that the Municipality of French River has adopted an adverse event Policy and that resources will be available for their information.

### **SCOPE**

The policy will assist the owner/operator of the French River Community Splash Pad to carry out their responsibilities to ensure the safe use, operation and maintenance of recreational water facilities. When a health hazard is identified, a public health inspector may take action to lessen the health hazard in accordance with section 13 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA).

### **RESPONSIBILITY**

- The CAO will support the Splash Pad Policy and its implementation.
- The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Manager will support the Splash Pad Policy and its implementation.
- The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Manager will update the policy should information change.
- The Parks, Recreation and Facilities Manager will circulate this policy, changes and updates to program staff.
- Staff of recreational facilities shall ensure that all employees are made aware of this policy.

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## **IMPLEMENTATION**

- All employees involved directly in recreation and sports programming, instruction, supervision and allocation in recreation facilities will be provided with information on adverse events.
- Information will be posted at the Community Splash Pad and on the Municipal Web site.

## **PRE-OPENING CHECKS**

Before opening each day or after a period of non-use, the operator should inspect the following:

- Splash Pad area is clean and free from obstacles or items that may cause injury, illness or death.
- Water chemistry is adequate, and treatment equipment is operational.
- All gratings or drain covers are securely fastened to all pipelines and fittings that terminate in the splash pad.
- Fittings that terminate on the splash pad are flush with the edges, or free of sharp edges.

## **RECORDS**

It is required that the owner/operator keep daily records of the following:

- Levels of chlorine in storage tanks
- Daily usage as per flow meter
- Emergencies, breakdowns of equipment
- Daily records should be kept for a minimum of one year

## **RESPONDING TO FOULING OF SPLASH PAD**

If the splash pad has been contaminated due to fouling:

- Ensure users leave the splash pad
- Clean and disinfect the splash pad and any equipment used in accordance with the centre for Disease Control and Prevention’s “Fecal Incident Response Recommendations for Pool Staff” Visit: [www.cdc.gov/healthywater/pdf/swimming/pools/fecal-incident-response-recommendations.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/healthywater/pdf/swimming/pools/fecal-incident-response-recommendations.pdf)
- Check that the water is clear and chemistry is within recommended levels prior to reopening the splash pad

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### **RESPONDING TO LOW OR HIGH LEVELS OF CHLORINE**

If the levels of Chlorine are too high or too low;  
A minimum level of Free Available Chlorine is 0.3 ppm. Anything below this concentration is considered adverse.

- Ensure that users leave the splash pad
- Post appropriate signage to temporarily close splash pad
- Check that the water is clear and chemistry is within recommended levels prior to reopening the splash pad