

POLICY RE: KENNEDY PARK SPLASH PAD POLICY AND PROCEDURES

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POSITION STATEMENT

Purpose/Goal/Mission

It is our goal to provide an enjoyable and exciting play experience for everyone using the Kennedy Park splash pad. These policies and procedures are intended to help prevent any one group from monopolizing the facility and maintain its availability to all of our residents.

Specific Policy Areas

I. Guidelines for Use of the Splash Pad

A. Use of the splash pad by individuals or families

The splash pad is available free of charge to any individual or family. The facility is not available for rental or activities that would restrict others from enjoying the site.

The following rules are enforced:

- The splash pad is open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily.
- The splash pad is not available for rentals or private parties.
- At various times areas of the splash pad will be used by the City for community programs or events.
- Strollers or personal mobility devices are permitted in splash pad area. Please, no wheeled vehicles, skateboards, scooters or roller blades.
- Pool toys, floats, athletic equipment, balls, bats, noodles, squirt guns, water balloons, buckets or similar play items are not allowed at the splash pad.
- Respect that other people may not want to hear your music; please use a personal headset with radios, tape players or MP3 type devices.
- There is no attendant on duty; use the splash pad at your own risk.
- The splash pad may be closed for repairs from mechanical problems, improper use, vandalism or unsanitary conditions.
- Sunscreen is highly recommended to prevent sunburn.
- Please do not climb on spray apparatus.
- It is not safe to be outside in the open or using the splash pad during thunderstorms or severe weather. You should leave the splash pad if you see lightning or hear thunder.
- Swimsuits are encouraged, but street clothes are acceptable. Shoes can also be worn and water / swim shoes are encouraged.
- Food, drinks, glass and breakable objects are not permitted within the splash pad or playground area.
- The splash pad is designed for fun at any age; all children age 8 and under must be supervised by a parent or guardian at least 14 years of age.

- Children who are not potty trained must wear swim diapers while playing in the splash pad.
- Smoking is not permitted in the splash pad area.
- Pets (except service animals) are not allowed in the splash pad.
- The splash pad is for water play. Please, no running, roughhousing, loud behavior, profane language or horseplay.
- Please don't drink the water. The splash pad water is chemically treated and re-circulated.
- Organizations or groups of 10 or more must register and schedule a usage time at the Park Maintenance office (3170 Valleywood Drive, Kettering, Ohio 45429). The splash pad is not available to organizations or groups between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- Respect others at all times; share the play equipment.
- Bathing soap, detergent or shampoo is not allowed. These products could damage the mechanical units that run the splash pad.
- All other City of Kettering park rules and City of Kettering ordinances apply.
- Call the Parks Maintenance office at (937) 296-2486 with questions.

B. Use of the Splash Pad by Groups or Organizations.

This section is intended to help prevent conflict or selective use by any group or organization using the splash pad.

- (1) All groups or organizations of 10 or more must fill out a registration form at the Park Maintenance office located at 3170 Valleywood Drive, Kettering, Ohio 45429. This form must be filled out a week in advance of the planned visit and must be approved by the Park Superintendent. The purpose of this form will be to schedule and prevent multiple groups from arriving at the splash pad during the same time periods.
- (2) Groups of 10 or more are limited to a 2-hour stay at the splash pad per visit.
- (3) The splash pad will not be available for groups of 10 or more between the hours of 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.
- (4) Groups of 10 or more may be asked to leave by park representatives if they have not registered at the Park Maintenance office.
- (5) There is no bus parking in the splash pad parking lots. Space is limited with many different activities in the park besides the splash pad. Groups will be assisted with locations for bus parking when they fill out their registration.

C. Use of the Splash Pad for City events or activities

The City of Kettering Parks, Recreation and Cultural Arts Department will have organized youth activities or other community events at the splash pad. During these times the shelter at Kennedy Park will be reserved for these citywide programs.

- (1) Most programs will be scheduled in advance and in many cases posted in the spring or summer brochure.
- (2) All youth programs will follow the splash pad rules and procedures during their activities.

- II. The splash pad will be open from Memorial Day through Labor Day daily from the hours of 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The splash pad will be closed for mechanical problems or in the event of thunderstorms. There is no attendant on duty at the splash pad and persons will use it at their own risk.