



# REGIONAL PARK AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT

## Policy and Procedure Manual



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Use of Private Pools and Water Toys

### I. POLICY

It is the policy of the District to protect District resources, both human and financial, from the risk of losses and minimize the level of risk exposure to the District, staff and patrons. This policy establishes that park visitors/customers are restricted related to use of their own pools and other water toys at District park locations.

### II. PURPOSE

Many of the District's parks include aquatic features such as swimming pools and splash pads. It is the District's intent to provide park visitors with safe, healthy, fun and attractive facilities and parks and minimize the risk of hazards to park visitors by restricting the use of private pools and water toys within District facilities.

### III. DEFINITIONS

**PRIVATE POOLS** – For the purpose of this policy, private pools shall mean any pool (kiddie pool, blow up pool, hard plastic pool, etc.) brought into the park by a park visitor/customer intended for the private use of the park visitor, their guests or members of their party.

**WATER TOYS** – Any toy meant for the purpose of holding or spraying water which may negatively impact park grounds or pose an increased risk of injury to park visitors. Restricted water toys shall include, but are not limited to, water slides, inflatable bouncers that include a pool or water element, and plastic sheet slides (such as Slip n' Slides). This policy shall not restrict the use of water guns or spray bottles.

### IV. PROCEDURE

A. Park visitors/customers shall be permitted to use private pools in a safe manner and within compliance of the manufacturers guidelines for use within parks or facilities managed by the District.



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- B. Park visitors/customers shall be prohibited from using water toys within parks or facilities managed by the District.
- C. Water Balloons - Water balloons shall be prohibited from use within District pools and splash pads.
- D. Exceptions:
  - 1. Private pools and water toys may be permitted during approved special events or activities and shall be considered on a case-by-case basis through the Special Event permitting process.

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