



Splashpad Etiquette and Frequently Asked Questions



When is the Splashpad open?

The Splashpad is open seasonally from 9:00am - 8:00pm, weather permitting. If weather allows, the Splashpad will remain open later into September.

How to Activate the Splashpad

There are two activator buttons (a pole with a flower looking pad). Press or tap the activator for a few seconds to start the water flow.

The water may take a minute or two to fully start, especially if the Splashpad has been off for a while.

Why isn't the water coming on?

The Splashpad is programmed with fail-safe measures to ensure the chemicals are operating at proper levels. It takes time for the chemicals to catch up –especially on days of heavy use.

If you notice that the Splashpad is not turning on after 10 minutes (and the activator has been pressed), call the Park Office at (317) 422-3136 and leave a message for the Park Team about the issue.

Is there a fee?

No. There are not any fees to utilize any of the amenities at Kephart Park.

Are any items prohibited at the Splashpad?

Sharp objects, glass containers, food and drinks are prohibited.

Bicycles, scooters, skateboards, strollers or any other type of wheeled vehicle (except wheelchairs and assistive devices) are prohibited on the Splashpad area.

Does the Splashpad close for inclement weather?

Use of the Splashpad is prohibited during severe or dangerous weather. Everyone must vacate the Splashpad at the first sound of thunder and remain off the pad until 20 minutes after the last thunder is heard. The Splashpad is CLOSED when lightning or severe weather is in the area.

The Splashpad may also be closed if air temperatures are below 70 degrees.

Who manages and maintains the water system at the splashpad?

The Splashpad is managed by staff that have obtained their Certified Pool Operator license or Aquatic Facility Operator certification. These individuals are highly trained in water chemistry, disinfection, mechanical systems, operations and safety.

What type of water system does the splashpad have?

The Splashpad has a recirculating water system. It drains water to a holding tank where it circulated through a filtration system and chlorine treatment before returning to the splashpad.

How often is testing conducted at the splashpad?

Recirculating splash pads require testing per the State of Indiana and Johnson County Health Department. The splash pad receives daily chlorine-level testing and weekly bacteria testing, which meets or exceeds testing requirements.

What chemicals are used at the Splashpad?

The Splashpad uses the same chemicals as a swimming pool. Chlorine and low-odor muriatic acid are used for sanitation.

What is a normal chlorine level at the splashpad?

The Indiana State Department of Health for Interactive Water Foundations, which govern splashpads, sets a level of 3.0 ppm chlorine to be required as a minimum.