

## Park and Recreation Department

### *Pool Closure Policy*

Our responsibility is to provide the finest customer service possible, while balancing budgetary considerations, swimmer comfort and safety factors. Managers/supervisors must carefully consider all aspects prior to closing the pool.

Inclement weather, extreme cold, rain, and imminent or ongoing thunderstorms are all factors that dictate not opening the pool or closing early. The temperature must be at least 68 degrees one hour prior to open swim. If lightning is spotted in the area, the pool must be evacuated immediately and closed until the threat has passed. Managers must be aware of the weather forecast for the day; and determine if the pool should be closed for the whole day or should reopen later on.

At the beginning of the day, provided it isn't raining, the pool should be opened and remain open for at least one hour. If the pool closes for any reason before 3pm, reassessment and possible opening will be 5pm Monday-Thursday, and 3pm Friday-Sunday. If the pool is closed employees on those days must remain "on call" and be ready to return to work in the event the pool reopens.

Other events that could cause pool closure are unhealthy or cloudy water conditions, equipment malfunctions, chemical imbalance, mechanical breakdown, lack of attendance, or an insufficient number of lifeguards to handle the number of swimmers. The pool may be closed if there are 10 or less swimmers present. State health and safety requirements must be met at all times. When a fecal or vomit situation happens the pools will be closed immediately and will reopen based on the CDC guidelines for closure times.

In all cases, managers must use good judgment in deciding to close the pool. The Park and Recreation Director or Assistant Director must be advised of each closure, and Creston Radio called to announce the closure to the public.

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