

Hey swimmers!!!!

Boy do you love Piedmont Park's Pool!!!!

Since we opened Piedmont Park's new and improved Family Aquatic Center in 2009, utilization has demonstrated that the pool lives up to the promise of the Master Plan – a fun, safe, multi-faceted swim experience for visitors of all abilities! Piedmont Park's pool has been utilized an average of 45,000 swims per season since 2009 and this is tracking to be yet another record-breaking year.

Our pool is especially attractive to those accompanying children and we are happy that so many have discovered all of the pool's fun features. With that said, we'd imagine that you, our visiting kids and everyone dealing with our City's heat wave is disappointed when the pool has to close early due to a contamination. Each time we have to close, the pool must be recharged in accordance with Health Department regulations. Bummer, but true. Here are just a few tips that may just stretch the swim day for everybody:

- Make sure that any child that is not potty trained is wearing rubber pants at the pool or the fountain. Both swim diapers and rubber pants are required. Rubber pants are important for containment of the contamination, but the swim diaper is important for absorption (and containment to a lesser degree). Just stop by our concessions stand if you forget your rubber pants.
- Make sure that you and your family are well hydrated. It's hot and lack of proper hydration can cause some of us to become ill. Enjoy our concessions stand, but watch the sugar intake too which can lead to stomach unrest (especially for little ones). You may want to opt for fresh fruit or water which are also sold at the stand.
- Have fun but be safe. It's important that everyone adhere to safety-related rules. Remember, no running, diving or roughhousing. Fun and games could easily cause an accidental fall, cut or something more serious. And all minors must be accompanied by an adult. Parents, counselors and other grown-ups should keep an eye-out for little ones and always be in the water with them to ensure their safety.
- Dress to swim. Remember, no street clothes are allowed. Swimming in street clothes increases the incidents of water contaminations. Street clothes are not safe in pools with complicated jet and filtration features.
- Check out Legacy Fountain – it's a cool spot! Our pool has a capacity of around 150 people. The heat is driving large crowds so if you stop by and we're at capacity, we hope you will ask for directions to Piedmont Park's new Legacy Fountain. It's free and a great alternative.

Thanks again for coming out to enjoy another great summer of fun at Piedmont Park!

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