



County Commissioners of Kent County, MD Department of Parks & Recreation



SWIMMING POOL FACILITY RULES TO

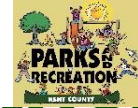
**** BAYSIDE POOL ** COMMUNITY CENTER POOL ** MILLINGTON POOL ****

**KNOW
Before You
GO**

- ALWAYS FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS FROM LIFEGUARDS.
 - Pay attention to lifeguard whistles and announcements that follow.
- All swimmers must shower before entering pool.
- NO HORSE PLAY! NO RUNNING! NO PROFANITY/FOUL LANGUAGE! NO UNDUE DISTURBANCE TO OTHERS!
- NO glass containers or breakable objects.
- NO TOYS (including noodles), balls, inner tubes, inflated boats, bubbles, rings, back floats, one-sided flotation device, rafts, and air-filled swimming aids in the main pool during public swim hours. Small toys MAY BE allowed in the wading pool at the Department's discretion.
 - *U.S Coast Guard approved* personal flotation devices, water wings (swimmies/puddle jumpers) may be worn.
- Use of the wading pool is restricted to children five (5) years old and under. Each child must be supervised at pool side by a responsible person at least sixteen (16) years old. Children must not be left unattended.
- All infants and toddlers must wear a swim diaper in the pool (swim diapers available for purchase at pool office).
- Any adult or child who is experiencing any diarrhea, even a mild case, is prohibited from using the pool.
- APPROPRIATE SWIMWEAR REQUIRED! Pool users must wear swimming suits or trunks upon entry into the pool.
 - "Street clothes," *Brazil/French-cut, *thong style and/or *revealing swim wear (including see through), cut-off jeans, jeans, skirts, shorts, sport bras, leotards, leggings, dri-fit wear, compression shorts and compression shirts are prohibited. Underwear and undergarments are not allowed to be worn under swimsuits. Patrons with *inappropriate swimwear as listed above or otherwise will be required to change into appropriate attire, otherwise will be asked to leave the premises.
 - Swimwear must not have been worn for exercising immediately prior to pool use and must be colorfast and of a lightweight material suitable for swimwear. White t-shirts may be approved to be worn for modesty or medical reasons.
- Swim skills test required at discretion of the lifeguards.
- Children under (12) years old must always be accompanied by a parent or responsible person (16) years old or older in swim attire, including in water, on deck and in the restroom.
- Children under the age of six (6) must have a responsible person in the water with them and within arm's reach of the child.
- Swimmers must be at least 4 feet (48 inches) tall to enter the tube slide.
- Lap swimming in lanes only – NO hanging on lane markers.



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- Single groups shall not monopolize any area of the pool and thereby limit its use by intimidating others.
- Pool may close at any time without warning due to water quality or weather conditions.
- Admission to the pool may be denied for any of the following reasons (list is NOT inclusive of all reasons):
 - Maximum bather load reached;
 - Intoxication;
 - Open sores, wounds, skin infections, and nasal or ear discharges; and
 - Any condition or evidence, which in the opinion of management would jeopardize the health and safety of others.
- Food or refreshments must be consumed only at the concession stand or other designated areas. All trash must be deposited in designated receptacles. Please recycle. Food is NOT permitted in the bathhouse.
 - Food in delivery containers is not permitted inside the pool gates.
- The pool will be closed and cleared for a fifteen (15) minute safety break at a minimum of four (4) times a day.
 - Adult lap lanes will remain open during this time.
- Refunds may be issued at the Community Center Pool if the facility must be closed due to weather or equipment malfunction.
 - **Refunds will only be issued to those admitted within (30) minutes of the closure.**
 - **Receipt must be presented for refund – no exceptions!**
- The department reserves the right to refuse admittance into any county swimming facility when the capacity of the pool has been reached or when otherwise deemed necessary for the health, welfare, or safety of patrons.
- Management, including lifeguards and administrative employees reserves the right to refuse admittance to, or eject from the pool premises, any persons failing to comply with any rule.
- Lifeguards and administrative employees have full authority of the pool facility and grounds, and are authorized to enforce regulations.
 - Patrons who do not comply with regulations will be asked to leave the premises.
 - Failure to leave premises after so directed shall be considered criminal trespassing.
- Management, including lifeguards and administrative employees, reserves the right to implement additional regulations as deemed necessary.



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The Department of Parks & Recreation reminds patrons of the swimwear requirements for all County swimming pool facilities. The subsequent illustrations demonstrate what swimwear is allowed and what swimwear is not allowed.

The current requirements are as follows:

- All persons on the pool deck and/or swimming in the pool must have on proper swim attire.
- All infants/toddlers that require a diaper must wear swimmer diapers AND proper swimwear.
- Clean cotton t-shirts and sarongs are allowed on the pool deck, however patrons must have on proper swim attire underneath.
- The following attire is not allowed in pools:
 - "Street clothes," *Brazil/French-cut, *thong style and/or *revealing swim wear, cut-off jeans, jeans, skirts, shorts, sport bras, leotards, leggings, dri-fit wear, compression shorts and compression shirts are prohibited. Underwear and undergarments are not allowed to be worn under swimsuits.
 - Patrons with *inappropriate swimwear as listed above or otherwise will be required to change into appropriate attire, otherwise will be asked to leave the premises.

Pool patrons often ask, "Why do I have to wear proper swimwear?" Here are just a few reasons as to why it is important to only wear pool attire in the pool.

1. Street clothes (especially cotton) can transport airborne, and ultimately water borne, contaminants into the pool.
2. Lycra and Nylon are the best non-absorbent material for swimming and are the best fabrics for proper swim attire.
 - Other absorbent materials (such as cotton) can break down in the water and cause fibers to clog filters.
 - Any "colored" material (unless specifically made for swimming) can bleed into the pool, affecting water chemistry and balance. This is also a reason for turbidity in pools.
3. Cotton and similar materials can absorb the chemicals in the water, causing the water to become less effective at maintaining the proper chemical balance or may cloud the water.

PLEASE SEE PHOTO ILLUSTRATIONS BELOW

ALLOWED



2 piece
Tankini



Swim/Surf
Shirt*



2 piece
Bathing Suit



1 piece
Bathing Suit



Swim Trunk



Swim/Surf
Shirt*



Swimmers
Diapers



Long Swim
Briefs



Short Swim
Briefs



Religious Swimwear*

Deck Wear Only



T-shirt



Flip Flops



Sarong

*When purchasing, please confirm that this item is specifically made for swimming/swimming pools.

NOT ALLOWED



Cut-off Shorts



Halter Top



Leotard



Sports Bra



Long Sports Bra



Thong



Tennis Dress



String Thong



White Underwear



Tube Socks



Long Cut-off Shorts



Compression Shirt



Compression Short



Basketball Short



Boxers



Regular Diapers



Aqua Socks