

Maple Street Pool Rules and FAQs

These rules are established for the safety, protection, and enjoyment of all staff and patrons.

Let's work together to create a safe environment for all to enjoy!

1. SWIMMING WHEN POOL FACILITY IS CLOSED IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. Patrons are allowed in the pool area only when lifeguards are on duty, during posted hours.
2. MAPLE STREET POOL AREA HAS A MAXIMUM CAPACITY OF 475 PEOPLE
3. FAMILY SWIM is for families only. Anyone 17 or under must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.
4. CHILDREN 8 YEARS OR UNDER must be accompanied by a responsible person at least 14 years of age. This person must remain at pool with the child.
5. APPROPRIATE BATHING ATTIRE must be worn.
6. NON-COAST GUARD APPROVED FLOTATION DEVICES, pool toys, fins, and snorkels are not permitted
7. DEEP END RULES: Youth swimmers who have passed the deep end test and adults who are comfortable in deep water may swim in the deep end of the pool and/or use the diving boards.
8. DIVING IS ALLOWED ONLY FROM THE DIVING BOARDS
9. DIVING BOARD RULES:
 - a. One person at a time on the ladder / board
 - b. Patrons must dive off front of board, only one bounce.
 - c. No flips, backward dives, twists, or sailor dives allowed. No running on the boards.
 - d. No masks on the diving boards.
 - e. Lifejackets can be worn only off of the low dive.
 - f. Patrons must wait at the top of the high dive ladder for a lifeguard if they decide they do not want to go down the slide.
10. SLIDE RULES:
 - a. One person at a time on the stairs / slide
 - b. Patrons must go down feet first on their back.
 - c. No flipping or twisting within the slide.
 - d. Patrons must wait at the top of the slide stairs for a lifeguard if they decide they do not want to go down the slide.
11. LANE LINES: Do not hang on the lane lines. Lane lines are used during morning lap swim, and for swim lessons.
12. LIFEGUARD STANDS: Lifeguard stands are for lifeguards only.
13. ROUGH PLAY: Running, splashing, pushing, dunking, boisterous or rough play is not permitted.
14. BEHAVIOR: Patrons exhibiting improper/abusive behavior, using profanity, or who are under the influence will be asked to leave the pool area.
15. FOOD AND DRINKS are only allowed in designated areas. Glass containers are not permitted in the pool area.
16. ELECTRICAL STORMS: Authorized pool personnel will close the pool immediately whenever it is determined that electrical storms may endanger patrons.
17. PETS, BICYCLES, AND SKATEBOARDS are not allowed in the pool area.
18. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS: Pool grounds and park premises are a drug free area. No alcohol or smoking is allowed.

MAPLE STREET POOL FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Are flotation devices allowed?

A. We allow U.S. Coast Guard approved lifejackets. Approved jackets are available to pool patrons at no charge on a first come, first served basis. All other flotation devices (noodles, floaties, water wings, tubes, etc.) are prohibited.

Q. Can we bring food to the pool?

A. Absolutely! You may bring your own food into the pool area or purchase food from our concession. Food must remain in the grassed areas only. Please pick up your trash, don't leave your food unattended, and please don't feed the seagulls. Glass bottles and alcohol are not permitted anywhere on the property.

Q. Can I do flips and tricks on the diving board?

A. During public swim you must jump or dive forward from the boards. Flips and twists are not allowed. During adult swim, for those 18 and older or those who work at EJRP, we allow flips and tricks; however, you still must jump facing forward and straight out from the board (no jumping toward the side of the pool or jumping backward off the board).

Q. Can I wear a snorkel, mask, or fins?

A. For the safety of the swimmer and those around you, snorkels and fins are not allowed. Goggles/masks that cover the nose are permitted, except when jumping off from the diving boards.

Q. Can I bring toys to the pool?

A. Due to the volume of swimmers and limited space, we do not allow toys (balls, diving sticks, action figures, etc.) in the pool or on the pool deck.

Q. When is Adult Swim?

A. Adult swim is the last quarter of the hour at 1:45, 2:45, 3:45 and 4:45 (plus a 12:45 adult swim on Saturday & Sunday) and sometimes at 6:45.

Q. Can my child swim with me during Adult Swim?

A. Children age 2 and under may swim with a parent on a one-on-one basis during Adult Swim (within the parent's reach at all times). Anyone 3-17 years of age must remain completely out of the pool during Adult Swim time.

Q. Why do you have Adult Swim?

A. Adult swim provides an opportunity for children to rest. Additionally, it provides a time for parents with infants and toddlers (age 2 and under) to spend quality time in the pool without worrying about sharing space with older children.

Q. What is Family Swim? When is Family Swim?

A. Family swim is a time to enjoy the pool as a family in a calmer setting (no camps, groups or unsupervised children). Family swim is from 5-6pm every day. Children under the age of 17 who are not attending with a parent must leave the pool area during this time.

Q. What is the capacity for the pool?

A. We allow a maximum of 475 patrons in the pool area. On days that we reach capacity, arriving patrons must wait until guests leave before being admitted into the pool area.

Q. Can I leave the pool and re-enter?

A. Yes, as long as you have a stamp/mark your hand. If the pool reaches capacity (475 swimmers) while you are out, you may have to wait until other patrons leave before you can be admitted back into the pool, even if your belongings/party are still in the pool area.

Q. Do I have to pay admission if I'm not swimming?

A. Yes. Because we are responsible for everyone in the pool area, we require everyone to pay admission or have a pool membership. The pool area has a maximum capacity, so even if you aren't swimming you may be taking a spot from someone who would like to swim.

Q. Do I have to pass a test to use the slide or diving board?

A. Children must pass a swim test to swim in the large pool or diving boards. Please see a lifeguard or the pool manager to take the test, which is typically administered during Adult Swim. Parents may accompany their young children on the waterslide or wait for an older child in the splash area if they are unable to pass the swim test. Additionally, parents may take their children in the large pool as long as they are in arm's reach, and may wait in the water to receive and assist their child after jumping off from the low dive. The high dive is restricted to use by only those who have passed the deep end test.

Q. Do you offer discounts for large groups (summer camps, preschools, parties, etc.)?

A. We do not offer group discounts during public swim. You may rent the pool for private parties when the pool is not open to the public or reserved for a program. Groups attending the pool during public swim hours must pay the daily admission rate. We encourage groups to call ahead so that we can anticipate your arrival. We request that you send one representative to the cashier to pay for the group. Our staff will admit the group through the side gate and briefly explain pool rules and expectations.

Q. Can I rent the pool for a private party?

A. Yes. The pool may be rented when it is not open to the public or reserved for a program (most Sunday mornings all season). For more information on pool rentals please inquire at the front desk at the recreation building.

Q. I live in Essex, how come I'm not considered a resident?

A. Only people who live in the City of Essex Junction are residents who pay taxes to support Essex Junction Recreation and Parks and the Maple Street Pool. Our staff have a street address list that we can check to verify whether you are a resident.