

Sterling Hill Community Development District Splash Pad Use Policies and Procedures

The Sterling Hill Community Development District (the “**District**”) has instituted the following Splash Pad rules for the health and safety of its residents and their guests (“**Patrons**”). The District clubhouse staff (“**Facilities Staff**”) shall have full authority to enforce the policies and procedures for the safety of all Splash Pad Patrons. All other general District facility, amenity, and swimming pool-related policies apply in addition to the rules stated below:

General Splash Pad Rules

1. Facilities Staff has the authority to deny access and/or usage of the Splash Pad at any time if the Splash Pad is at the maximum bathing load, as defined by Hernando County.
2. All Patrons use the Splash Pad at their own risk. Lifeguards are not on duty at the Splash Pad at any time.
3. In case of an emergency at the Splash Pad, call 9-1-1 and promptly notify Facilities Staff.
4. The District and Facilities Staff reserve the right to control all programs and activities (including the number of guest Patrons, equipment and supplies usage, etc.), conducted at the Splash Pad, including recreational programs and pool parties, as applicable.
5. The District and/or Facilities Staff are not responsible for any lost or stolen items.

Splash Pad Access and Hours of Operation

1. The Splash Pad hours of operation are from 10:00 a.m. to dusk. The hours of operation are weather permitting and subject to change as deemed by the District. Facilities Staff will close the Splash Pad at dusk, the timing of dusk shall be at the discretion of Facilities Staff.
2. The Splash Pad area is not available for rent and cannot be reserved. Splash Pad use is on a first-come, first-serve basis until the facility reaches maximum bathing load as defined by Hernando County.
3. All Patrons must check in using their swipe card to access the Splash Pad prior to entry. Proof of residency and/or personal identification must be verified by Facilities Staff in the event a resident does not have their swipe card.
4. To access the Splash Pad, guests must be accompanied by a resident. Each resident household may bring a maximum of five (5) for number of guests to the Splash Pad. The number of guests a household may bring to the Splash Pad is subject to change as deemed necessary by the District.
5. Improper access by a Patron, whether a resident or a guest, may result in the loss of Splash Pad privileges for that day or longer.
6. Children twelve (12) years old and under may access the Splash Pad only when accompanied by an adult aged eighteen (18) years old or older. Proof of age may be required.

Guidelines for Courteous Patron Conduct

1. All Patrons shall conduct themselves in a courteous and safe manner to respect other Patrons while using the Splash Pad.

2. All Patrons will be responsible for their own behavior. Residents are also responsible for the behavior of their guests. Parents are responsible for the behavior of their minor children.
3. Proper swimming attire is mandatory for all Patrons while using the Splash Pad. Facilities Staff has the authority to deny access to any Patron due to improper swimwear.
4. Patrons should shower before entering the Splash Pad.
5. Patrons must not drink the recirculated chlorinated water from the fountains at the Splash Pad, as it could cause intestinal discomfort. If Patrons drink the water from the fountains, they do so at their own risk.
6. No roughhousing, diving, jumping, pushing, running or any other type of horseplay is permitted in the Splash Pad. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in a time out or loss of privileges for that day or longer, at the discretion of Facilities Staff.
7. No cursing, offensive language, or offensive gestures will be tolerated. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in the offending Patron's loss of privileges for that day or longer, at the discretion of Facilities Staff.
8. To be considerate to other Patrons, radios, portable televisions, iPhones, iPads, and the like may only be listened to at the Splash Pad if headphones are used.
9. Patrons should ensure to take all of their belongings with them once exiting the Splash Pad, as any belongings left in the Splash Pad after closing will be placed in the clubhouse lost and found. If any such items are not claimed in one (1) week, the items will be discarded.
10. Patrons should leave the Splash Pad area clean and tidy when leaving, including properly disposing of any trash.
11. Patrons should report any incidents or issues occurring at the Splash Pad to Facilities Staff.

Prohibited Items at the Splash Pad

1. No pool, deck, or camping furniture of any kind is allowed at any time in the Splash Pad. Patrons may temporarily place furniture on the area marked with pavers outside of the splash zone. Any furniture brought to the designated area must be promptly removed when the Patrons exit the Splash Pad.
2. Smoking, vaping, the use of smokeless tobacco products, and the use of tobacco products of any kind are prohibited at the Splash Pad.
3. No food or drink is allowed in the Splash Pad area at any time, including gum. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in loss of privileges for that day or longer. Food and nonalcoholic beverages are permitted only in the designated eating areas marked with pavers.
4. Glass objects, sharp objects, drinking glasses and personal coolers are not permitted in the Splash Pad nor the area designated with pavers.
5. Alcoholic beverages shall not be permitted to be served, sold, nor consumed in the Splash Pad and paver area. Should Patrons bring alcohol to the Splash Pad, they will be asked to remove the alcohol from the area or dispose of the alcohol properly, and/or to leave the Splash Pad at the discretion of Facilities Staff.
6. No animals may be brought into the Splash Pad nor designated paver area, with the exception of registered service animals.

Splash Pad Contamination Policy

1. If contamination occurs, Facilities Staff will close the Splash Pad area for the appropriate

period of time required to thoroughly remove that type of contamination and to comply with applicable recommendations for fecal accident response contamination from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Chapter 64E-9 of the Florida Administrative Code.

2. Parents should take their children to the bathroom before entering the Splash Pad and frequently during Splash Pad use to do to prevent urine and/or fecal-related contamination of the Splash Pad.
3. Children who are not reliably toilet trained or are wearing diapers must wear an approved swim diaper, as well as a swimsuit over the swim diaper. This will help to reduce the risk associated with human waste in the swimming pool(s)/deck area(s).
4. Changing of diapers or clothing is not permitted on any portion of the Splash Pad. There are changing stations located in the restrooms and/or locker rooms at the clubhouse. Please be respectful of this health regulation for the health and safety of others. Failure to adhere to this rule may result in the loss of Splash Pad privileges for that day or longer, at the discretion of Facilities Staff.
5. Persons with skin disorders, open cuts, sores, infections, skin diseases and the like that may be transferred by water or physical contact are prohibited from using the Splash Pad.

Inclement Weather Policy

1. Splash Pad access and use may be closed by Facilities Staff at any time due to inclement weather, maintenance, decontamination, seasonal weather and temperature, and for any other unforeseen circumstances that require the Splash Pad to be closed to Patrons.
2. The Splash Pad will be cleared of Patrons by Facilities Staff if lightning is within an eight (8) mile radius as determined by a lightning detection device.
3. Splash Pad access will be suspended by Facilities Staff for a minimum of thirty (30) minutes after the last instance of thunder is heard and/or lightning is seen. This thirty (30) minute suspension of Splash Pad access will restart with each instance of thunder and/or lightning, which may result in the Splash Pad being closed for an extended period of time that day for the health and safety of the patrons.
4. Patrons may be asked by Facilities Staff to exit the Splash Pad and surrounding area in event of a serious storm for their safety, at the discretion of Facilities Staff.