

Inclement Weather Policy



- In the event of inclement weather, (i.e. rain, thunder storms, lightening, high winds, etc.) lifeguards are required to be present for their shifts.
 - If it begins to rain, the lifeguard will continue watching the pool until they are unable to see the bottom of the pool.
 - When thunder or lightning are seen or heard, the lifeguard will clear the pool and must keep it cleared for 30 minutes after the last sight of lightning or audible clap of thunder.
- Lifeguards will keep times accurately. The lifeguard on duty is responsible to know what time the inclement weather break was initiated and what time the pool can reopen.
- Lifeguards may not leave their pool until a member from Sweetwater Pools Management Offices authorize them to do so. (Pool managers cannot authorize lifeguards to leave a pool)
- Lifeguards are responsible for keeping patrons informed and what time the pool will reopen.
- Flash and Bang Counting: After the sight of lightening, count until you hear thunder. Divide this number by 5 and that number is the estimation of miles your location is from the storm.
- All of this information and more can be found on the National Weather Service website, www.noaa.gov

IMPORTANT FACTS:

- Lightning often strikes from as far as 10 miles away from any rainfall.
- 20% of lightning strikes cause death, another 70% cause serious long-term effects.
- One ground lightening strike can generate from 100 million to 1 billion volts of electricity.

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