



Inclement Weather Policies

Our goal is to make sure every member and visitor to our outdoor pools has a safe and rewarding experience.

Inclement Weather General Information

The City of Boulder utilizes Skyscan lightning detectors, national weather alerts, and Doppler satellite imaging to make determinations regarding operations in inclement weather. Closures can occur at any time and decisions will be made in the interest of swimmer and staff safety. Pools will be cleared of all swimmers and staff when dangerous weather conditions are present.

Rain checks

We will issue rain checks (valid for another visit within 90 days) if the pool closes due to weather for more than two hours, and it's before 5 p.m.

Rain checks will not be issued after 5 p.m.

When outdoor facilities close due to inclement weather, we will offer re-entry slips (valid same day only) to our visitors to take advantage of one of our indoor aquatic facilities.

Thunder and/or Lightning

When electrical storms are indicated within 3-8 miles of the location (based on the Skyscan storm indicator), the pools will be cleared. The pool must remain cleared for **30 minutes** until the storm passes and there are no further indications of thunder or lightening. Patrons must remain at least 25 ft. away from the pool. If the weather worsens, the pool area must be vacated. Please note: patrons are not allowed to take showers while the pool is closed due to an electrical (thunder and/or lightning) in the area.

Rain and Wind

Heavy rain can make it difficult to see the bottom of a pool or beneath the surface. If heavy rain causes bottom obstruction, pools will be cleared and closed until the rain alleviates.

Wind can also cause safety hazards. If wind is observably strong or gusty and causes bottom obstruction due to water rippling, pools will be cleared and closed until conditions allow.

Air Temperature-outdoor pools will close for low air temperature at the discretion of the aquatics supervisor.

Pool Temperature-all City of Boulder pools will close if the water temperature drops below the state code limit of 77° for a public pool.