

# WADING AND SWIMMING POOLS

The use of any pool always requires the direct supervision by an adult caregiver.

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Written consent must include a statement that the parent or legal guardian has received and read the information related to the health risks and disease transmission risks. A letter to parents, fact sheet and permission forms are available on our website: [www.anokacounty.us/childcarelicensing](http://www.anokacounty.us/childcarelicensing) or <https://mn.gov/dhs/partners-and-providers/licensing/child-care-and-early-education/family/>

Signed permission forms must be maintained in each child's file.

**Wading Pools** - (Maximum depth of 24" and must be capable of being manually emptied and moved)  
Because the use of wading pools in family child care settings could facilitate the transmission of infections among children and cause serious illness, the following Best Practices are required:

1. Pool should be emptied daily.
2. Pool should be cleaned daily when in use (following emptying with a diluted bleach solution of one cup bleach to one gallon of water.)
3. Pool should be emptied and cleaned immediately if a child has a fecal accident in the pool.
4. Diaper-aged children should wear tight fitting plastic pants to help prevent fecal contamination of pool water.
5. Provider should exclude any children who have diarrhea from child care.
6. Staff and children practice frequent and thorough hand washing to prevent the spread of infectious diseases.

## Swimming Pools

If a provider chooses to use their swimming pool, they must satisfy the requirements in section 142B.41 subdivision 9, which reads: This subdivision governs swimming pools located at family or group family day care homes licensed under Minnesota Rules, chapter 9502. **For a provider to be eligible to allow a child cared for at the family or group family day care home to use the swimming pool located at the home, the provider must not have had a licensing sanction under section 142B.18 or a correction order or conditional license under section 142B.16 relating to the supervision or health and safety of children during the prior 24 months, and must satisfy the requirements identified in the Sample Swimming Pool Contract available on our website, [www.anokacounty.us/childcarelicensing](http://www.anokacounty.us/childcarelicensing) or by calling your licensor.**

To assist you in determining whether you meet the requirements, please review the "Provider's Swimming Pool Requirements Checklist" on our website. You will also find the Fact Sheet on the Risks of Swimming Pools at Child Care Homes. This is a required form developed by the Minnesota Department of Health for the Department of Human Services.

