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Wading Pool Closure FAQ

Portland Parks & Recreation has closed its wading pools for health and safety reasons, as required by new State of Oregon regulations. These regulations require water in wading pools to be treated and re-circulated, and protections for accidental drain entrapment to be established. The expense associated with these retrofits is prohibitive; therefore the wading pools will remain closed.

Will parks get new wading pools?
Water play features, which spray water into the air, will eventually replace wading pools in some parks. They already have been installed at Columbia, Earl Boyles, Essex, Grant, Kenton, McCoy, Northgate, Peninsula, Pier, Raymond, and Woodlawn Parks.

In 2002, an inventory and assessment of Portland Parks & Recreation's 36 wading pools was completed. Based on those recommendations, as well as input from maintenance and planning staff, PP&R has identified 17 wading pools for replacement and 7 for elimination.

When will water play features be added?
That depends on funding. No funding source has been identified for conversion of wading pools to water play features. Cost is a challenge, as conversion of each pool is estimated at upwards of $250,000.

How can I keep cool in my park during the summer?
PP&R's outdoor swimming pools will be open. We are also exploring other options for kids to stay cool this summer; more information will be posted as the weather gets warmer.

How do I get more information about what's planned for my park?
Contact the Services Manager for your area:

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Portland Parks & Recreation Wading Pool Recommendations July 2009

Convert to Water Play Features	
Park	*Priority**
Alberta	H
Brooklyn	H
Clinton	H
Col Summers	H
Creston	M
Fernhill	H
Glenhaven	M
Grant	M
Kenilworth	H
Laurelhurst	H
Lents	H
Montavilla	M
Mt Scott	M
St Johns	H
Ventura	H
Wallace	H
Wellington	H
Wilshire	H
Woodstock	M

Consult with Public before Converting or Eliminating
Arbor Lodge
Berkley
McKenna
Normandale
Oregon
Rose City
Eliminate or Convert to Another Use
Lair Hill
Powell

*Priority
H= High priority
M= Medium priority