



General Pool Rules

DATES OF OPERATION: Pool season shall begin Saturday, May 25, 2024, for limited use during the school term, and broader use once the school year is over. Pool season ends Labor Day Monday.

HOURS OF OPERATION:

- During MCPS school year: 4-8 pm
- After MCPS school year:
 - Mon – Fri: 1 pm – 8 pm *
- Sat, Sun and holidays: 11 am – 7 pm *

* Subject to change based on use metrics and finances.

POOL MANAGEMENT COMPANY: Pool Personnel, Inc. (240) 620-0007. The lifeguards are in charge of enforcing the rules of the pool and ensuring the safety of the pool members. If you have any complaints, please speak with the pool manager or a member of the Pool Committee. As a last resort, you may call Pool Personnel. If you only speak to the guard, we have no way of tracking problems to ensure that we don't have a recurring issue.

POOL RULES:

1. Infants/children who are not toilet trained and adults who are incontinent who wish to enter the pool must wear a clean disposable swim diaper covered by separate rubber/vinyl pants, all of which must fit snugly around the legs and waist. In addition, a bathing suit must be worn on top of the rubber/vinyl pants. If the diaper becomes soiled, this person must leave the pool immediately and may not return until he/she has taken or been given a soap shower and has been recovered by a new swim diaper with clean rubber/vinyl pants. The lifeguards have discretion to ask that a diaper be changed.
2. Pool members and their families should not enter the pool facility or water if they are not feeling well or have any indication of illness or infection.
2. No running or horseplay inside the pool area. No loitering or playing in the changing rooms. Anyone who violates this rule may be subject to removal from the pool area at the discretion of the lifeguards. Members are responsible for any damage to the facilities beyond normal wear and tear.
3. **NO GLASS** or breakable objects are allowed within the pool fence area (this includes the grassy areas around the pool and the pool house).
4. Food and/or drinks (other than water) are only allowed in the grassy areas or outside the fence.
5. No alcohol is allowed on pool grounds, except for private events, as approved by the Pool Committee.
6. No gum allowed within the pool fence area.



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7. No smoking allowed within the pool fence area or the parking lot.
8. No pets allowed in the pool fence area, except for the end of season Dog Swim.
9. Children under 12 years old **must** be accompanied inside the pool area by an adult or a 15+ year old responsible sibling/friend.
10. Unauthorized access to the area inside the pool fence when the pool is not officially open and monitored by lifeguards is considered trespassing and will be reported to the police.
11. Children who cannot stand in the shallow corner (near steps) by themselves must be accompanied in the water by an adult or “over 15” responsible sibling/friend.
12. No water guns, floats, rafts, or inner tubes are allowed in the pool, except for special events as approved by the Pool Committee. Vest or arm floats are allowed, as long as the child is accompanied by an older person in the water who remains within an arm’s length of the child.
13. Subject to swim team practice and meets, we will almost always have two lanes roped off at the far end of the pool reserved for lap swimmers. No sitting, holding or standing on the rope lane dividers.
14. Only “feet-first” diving is allowed from the jumping board, no “head-first” or “arms-first” allowed. This rule will be strictly enforced by the lifeguards. Those who violate this safety rule will be subject to disciplinary action, to be decided by the Pool Committee and enforced by the lifeguards. Experienced swimmers may practice their racing dives in the lap lanes at the 4’ 6” end only!
15. Children swimming or diving in the diving area must be able to swim a full lap of the pool without stopping and/or tread water for one minute (subject to lifeguard test).
16. No chairs or lounge chairs should be placed near the edges of pool to allow for emergency access by guards.
17. Members (including kids) are strongly advised to shower before entering the pool.
18. Per County regulations, there will be a 15-minute adult swim for the last 15 minutes of each hour. Children under 16 years old must leave the water. Children are allowed to sit on the top step of the shallow end or sitting on one of the sides with feet in the water, until the guard blows the whistle, to end the adult swim time.
19. We have a tub of toys for use in the baby pool. Parents should return the toys to the tub after use by their child before leaving the baby pool area.



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20. Members are not allowed in the office or behind the front desk, or in the pump room.
21. All cars should be parked side-by-side in the parking lot facing the pool area to allow for more parking and to avoid any accidents from those backing up. Please always leave the space in front of the door open for handicapped access.
22. Names for families who have paid their membership dues are posted at the front desk. You should sign in when you arrive and allow the guard to check your name against the list.
23. All guests must check in at the front desk and be accompanied by a member. Guests are allowed at Eldwick, as long as they **DO NOT** live within the boundaries of Falls and Glen Roads (or within 1.5 miles of the pool). If your neighbors' kids regularly want to come to Eldwick with their friends who are members, their family should join our pool. Please be considerate of other members who are financially supporting the pool operation by not abusing the guest policy. Being a guest is not a substitute for membership. If your guest is coming 10-15 times a year, they should pay for a membership.
24. The entire pool area must be cleared, and the pool will be closed for a minimum of 30 minutes after any thunder. A waiting period of 60 minutes applies to lightning.
25. The pool and grill are available for rent for parties either during open hours or before or after hours (school, birthday, office parties, etc.). Please contact us for information.
26. Membership in the Eldwick Swim Club also entitles you to use of the tennis court. Please limit your play to one hour if others are waiting. See our [Tennis page](#) on how to get a Skedda account to reserve the courts and to get lock code. See [Bethesda Tennis Academy's](#) website for lesson times and other information.
27. Neighborhood pools only work with a lot of community involvement. If you have a complaint or a suggestion, please contact us.

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Eldwick's Volunteer Pool Committee