

## **Wading and Swimming Pools**

The use of any pool requires the direct supervision by an adult caregiver at all times.

Wading Pools – (maximum depth of 24” and must be capable of being manually emptied and moved)

Written consent must include a statement that the parent or legal guardian has received and read the information related to the health risk and disease transmission risk. A letter to parents, face sheet and permission forms are available on our website: <http://www.co.brown.mn.us/> 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.

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 or 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 fitted 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 245A.14 subdivision 11. The provider must not have had a licensing sanction under section 245A.07 or a correction order or conditional license under section 245A.06 relating to the supervision or health and safety of children during the prior 24 months.

Additional requirements will need to be met. If you have a swimming pool, contact your county licensor to complete the necessary requirements needed.