

Wednesday, May 26, 2021  
**PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**



**WELLAND SPLASH PADS TO OPEN BY THE WEEKEND**

**Welland, ON** – The City of Welland is working to open splash pads, following the Province of Ontario’s announcement that these amenities can open effective Saturday, May 22.

Work is already underway to open splash pads and will continue over the coming days. The work involved in readying the splash pads for public use includes setting timers, turning on the water, inspecting each splash pad for safety, identifying hazards, and cleaning.

On Friday, May 28, Staff anticipate Glenwood Park and Chippawa Park splash pads will be fully inspected and approved to open by Niagara Public Health. The newly installed Memorial Park and Maple Park splash pads will need to be commissioned by the installer and inspected by Niagara Region Public Health. Once all inspections have been completed at Memorial Park and Maple Park, the splash pads will be opened to the public.

The City asks residents to remember while visiting a park, a trail or public square to practice physical distancing and keep two metres (six feet) away from people who are not from the same household. Residents should not use a splash pad if feeling ill. When using a splash pad, residents should practise good hand hygiene and return at another time if the splash pad is crowded.

Splash pads operate daily from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and are activated through push-button features. Caregivers are reminded to supervise children closely as these water play areas are not supervised by City staff.

For more information on City splash pads and locations, please visit <https://www.welland.ca/RecCulture/publicswimming.asp>

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