

Wasatch County Parks and Recreation Seasonal Playground Closure Policy

Effective Date: April 8, 2026

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish consistent guidelines for the seasonal closure of playground facilities managed by Wasatch County Parks and Recreation in order to ensure public safety, protect infrastructure, and allow for necessary maintenance and environmental preservation.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all playgrounds, play structures, and associated equipment located within parks and recreational areas operated by Wasatch County.

3. Seasonal Closure Period

All playground facilities will be closed annually from **November 16 through March 14**.

4. Weather-Dependent Adjustments

The designated closure period may be adjusted based on weather and ground conditions, including but not limited to:

- Late-season snowfall or frozen ground conditions extending beyond March 14
- Early winter weather conditions occurring prior to November 16
- Excessive moisture, flooding, or mud conditions that may damage turf or create unsafe surfaces
- Unseasonably warm and dry conditions that may allow for earlier opening or extended use

The Parks and Recreation Director or designated staff will evaluate conditions and determine if adjustments to opening or closing dates are necessary.

5. Maintenance and Safety Considerations

Seasonal closures support the following objectives:

- **Routine Maintenance:** Inspection, repair, and replacement of playground equipment, surfacing, and surrounding infrastructure
 - **Ground Preservation:** Protection of turf and soil from damage during thaw and wet conditions
 - **Safety Assurance:** Prevention of injuries caused by unstable surfaces, ice, snow, or compromised equipment
 - **Compliance:** Ensuring all playgrounds meet applicable safety standards prior to reopening
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6. Public Notification

Notice of seasonal closures and any weather-related adjustments will be communicated through:

- Official Wasatch County Parks and Recreation website
 - Social media platforms
 - On-site signage at affected playgrounds
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7. Enforcement

Playgrounds will be clearly marked as closed during the designated period. Use of closed facilities is prohibited and may result in removal from the premises or other enforcement actions as deemed appropriate by county officials.

8. Review and Updates

This policy will be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to reflect operational needs, safety standards, and environmental considerations.
