

	1301.31-Outdoor Water Play
Category: Environment	<p>Regulations:</p> <p>Performance Standard 1302.31The Teaching and Learning Environment (a) (b) (1) (c) (1) (2) (d) (e)</p> <p>WAC 110-300-0350 Supervising children during water activities (1)(2)(a)(b)(c)(3)(4)(a)(b)(5)(6)(a)(b)</p>
Purpose	To ensure children learn through safe water experiences and developmentally appropriate practices are implemented for all age groups.
Potential Water Play Activities:	<p>Here is a list of waterplay activities that are approved to have at the Seedlings Centers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Water table play (table purchased from our approved vendor)- water dumped after play. 2. Small tubs of water or buckets (water dumped after play, water changed after each child usage) 3. Washing bikes 4. Washing dolls 5. Washing toys 6. Sprinkler play (with a approved sprinkler by School Readiness Content Specialist) 7.

<p>Process</p>	<p>Process:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A letter must be created to inform parents of the water play activity. 2. CM must review the letter to make sure it states all information related to time and date of water play activity and safety procedures . 3. In the letter it must state the children will bring extra clothes and shoes. Children will need to keep their shoes on for safety purposes. 4. There should be other activities available for those children who do not want to participate. 5. Once the letter is approved by CM the letter is sent to the parents, and the parents will need to give permission for children to participate in water play.(create a slip at the bottom of the letter that states- I give permission or I do not give permission for their child’s name to participate in water play.) 6. Once all above has been approved, connect with the site custodians to ensure safety of hose connection. 7. Water Play activities must be on Lesson Plan to provide a purpose and developmentally appropriate practice.
<p>Implementation of Water Play activities outdoors:</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outdoor water activities will be placed on lesson plans and meet individual children’s needs. 2. Water table and toys will be developmentally appropriate items according to the age group. i.e, measuring cups, spoons, bowls, tubes, water animals, water toys, etc. 3. If using a water sprinkler it must be developmentally appropriate. 4. Teaching staff will fill sensory tables with clean water. 5. After play, staff must clean, sanitize, air dry the water table and toys.

<p>Precautions of water play</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Teachers must Actively Supervise children at all times while children are participating in water play activities. 2. Teachers will use their Outdoor Zone chart to ensure all children are safe on the playground whether they are participating in water play or another type of play on the playground. 3. Teachers will provide safe water play rules for children and model safe water practices with children while outdoors. 4. Staff must be aware of safety precautions of location of hose and tripping hazard. Staff will connect with the CM and custodian to ensure hose is placed in a safe location.
<p>Water Play activities that are not acceptable:</p>	<p>Listed below are water activities that are not supported by the Seedlings Centers and will not be allowed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Swimming pools 2. Slip n slides 3. Sprinklers that are metal 4. Water guns