

WATER ACTIVITY ALTERNATIVES

Given the many requirements for using pools providers may choose to provide alternative water activities.



Sprinklers

Squirt guns/"super soakers"

Spray bottles

Slip 'n Slide/fire hydrant-type toys

Municipal or school pools/beaches

Dishpans/buckets/small tubs with boats, ducks, corks, measuring cups and spoons, funnels, basters, egg beaters, pumps, whisks, strainers, etc. with plain, colored or soapy water.

Garden hose or sprinkler directed onto playground slide (could use piece of indoor/outdoor carpet at bottom of slide) to create water slide.

Bubble Play

Sponge Toss

Body painting while wearing swimsuits.

Dodge ball with wet nerf balls

Squirt/spray tag

Water relays, e.g., filled paper cups

Big wheel/trike/wagon wash

Wash doll clothes and hang out to dry

"Fishing" in tub with magnetic hook and fish; could use spray bottle for pretend rain.

Walks in the rain, puddle-splashing contest

Beach time: sand with water play, sand toys, sand combs, sea shells, trowels, etc.

Water balloon toss with partners or

"potato" format (for older children only-- make sure broken balloons are disposed of as they pose a hazard to younger children.)