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## LEXINGTON CITY POOL INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY



## Everyone out of the pool!

That's the last thing you want to hear when you're taking a dip in the outdoor pool. /

You know the common pool rules. No running. Never swim alone. Here's another one – don't mess with Mother Nature. At the Rockbridge Area YMCA, swimming is serious fun. So is safety. That's why we want to remind you of our outdoor pool weather policies.

YMCA of the USA and the National Lightning and Safety Institute recommend that both outdoor and indoor pools be cleared during a lightning and thunder storm. We follow the 30-minute rule at our outdoor pools.

That means all pools close for 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder. Members and guests must move off the pool deck to wait out a delay.

## **LIGHTNING FACTS**

- Lightning kills more people in the U.S. than hurricanes and tornados combined.
- The average storm is 6 10 miles wide and moves at 25 MPH.
- 13 percent of all lightning incidents involve swimming, boating or fishing.
- Thunder is usually heard up to 12 miles from a lightning strike. In other words, if you can hear thunder, you're in danger of lightning.
- Lightning strikes can reach up to 10 miles. That's why we follow the National Weather Service motto: When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors.

## WHEN IT'S CLEAR, THE Y IS NEAR

When the weather's clear, come jump into the outdoor pool. We would love to have you join us this summer!