

Bender JCC of Greater Washington  
Outdoor Pool Winter Safety Protocol and Procedures

The Bender JCC will make every effort to keep the outdoor pool open year-round. However, there will be times, which for safety reasons, the outdoor pool will be closed without advanced notice.

- When the air temperature does not reach or exceed 32 degrees (freezing) or when the wind chill is 25 degrees or below, the outdoor pool will be closed. Check [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) and enter zip code 20852 for the air temperature at the JCC.
- If we are unable to keep ice off the deck, the pool will close, regardless of what the air temperature may be.
- In the event of snow, the outdoor pool will not open until the staff is able to shovel the deck.
- The pool will be closed when conditions such as fog above the water line, snow, sleet or freezing rain prevent the staff from clearly viewing swimmers in the water.
- The outdoor pool will be closed when the Aquatics Director, Chief Operating Officer or Chief Executive Officer determines that unsafe conditions exist and may affect staff and/or members.
- The interactive play area will close late September, early October each year and will reopen in the spring.

In the event the outdoor pool is closed we will do our best to post the closure on our website [www.benderjccgw.org](http://www.benderjccgw.org) and the Bender JCC's Facebook page. We will also send out a text alert to those who have signed up to receive updates regarding the pools. If you have not yet signed up to receive texts please visit our website to do so.