

The **Splash**
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As we draw closer to the end of 2016, we look back on another successful year. It has been a great year working with many Cities, Architects and Engineers to create unique and fun Splashpad and Aquatic designs. Some highlights include a custom western themed Vortex Elevation play structure in Dodge City, KS, and new Splashpads for the City of Maize and the Oaklawn Improvement District. In 2017, we look forward to continued success with our current customers as well as meeting new professionals to provide exciting family fun and peace of mind for everyone!

Check out Long Branch Lagoon in Dodge City for a Wild Water Experience!



Upcoming Events

Look for us at:

The Kansas Park & Recreation Association (KRPA) Trade Show
02/01/2017
Manhattan, KS

FEATURED PRODUCTS

Snail No4 & Fish No1

Visit our booth at KRPA to see these features in person

Coming Soon... Ellinwood's First Splashpad!



The small town of Ellinwood (pop. 2,114) is currently building their first Splashpad. The Splashpad was designed using a Phased Approach so they can continue their fundraising efforts and later add 3 additional above ground features. The new water fun experience opens summer of 2017. For more details and updates, check out "Ellinwood Rotary / Community Splash Pad Project" on Facebook!

Kids love the Snail No4 and Fish No1. These toddler height features are interactive and perfect for the little ones!



Multiple Ways to Cool Down in Belleville!



The City of Belleville, KS opened its new Vortex Splashpad and renovated Pool featuring a Vortex Elevation Play Structure in 2016.

Oaklawn Adds a Much Needed Water Park for its Kids!



After much anticipation, Idlewild Park Splashpad opened to the public in 2016. The Splashpad was a huge hit for Oaklawn Improvement District (a community Southeast of Wichita). The 4,500 sq. ft. Splashpad has water coming from all directions with not a dry spot to hide. It features 30 ground sprays and 14 above ground features including the always popular Aqua Dome and 4 Water Cannons. The Splashpad project also included 4 shade shelters, tables and benches for parents to relax in the shade and watch their little ones.

"The lives of Oaklawn residents were changed in the summer of 2016 when our small area put in a Vortex Splashpad. While we are a small community, we believe that our children deserve the best. Vortex is the best and offers lots of different choices. Making the investment for our community got our residents out and talking with each other while watching their children and grandchildren. This is something that every community needs."

Andree Sisco
Improvement District Board Treasurer

Maize's First Splashpad Opened Summer of 2016!



The Citizens of Maize had a new Splashpad this summer to help beat the summer heat. From adults to children, everyone enjoyed cooling down with the new water features at the city park. The new addition became a big success and the community quickly took advantage of the fun. The Splashpad includes water features that are durable, fun and pleasing to the eye. With the many ground sprays, dumping buckets, interactive raining Umbrellas, Aqua Dome and Water Cannons, the Splashpad has something for everyone. The colorful park fits in well with the community of Maize and provides something for all ages to have fun and beat the summer heat!

Water: Discovering the Extra Dimension of Play

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Think back to your childhood. Did you play around fire hydrants, hose pipes, swimming pools? People, especially kids, love to play with water. It's fascinating.

Water is timeless; it has universal appeal. Water draws people in and brings people together. It unites people in a shared sensorial experience that is, at once, refreshing, relaxing, thrilling and exciting.

Yet, when we think of the word 'play', we're more likely to think of sports, dry playgrounds or games we play at home or in schools. We tend to underestimate the fun and benefits of water play.

Given that water is the perfect vehicle for play, it isn't surprising that attractions devoted to water play have seen a steep increase in popularity over recent years. Designers of today's most successful water playscapes increasingly take into account the physical, cognitive and social development of their users. The challenge is now giving our children the same fun experiences we had with our garden sprinklers.

At Vortex, we're taking all of this very seriously when designing products and playscapes that utilize the magic of water. We've been working closely with experts at McGill University in Montreal to make sure we're designing products with maximum opportunity for learning. Over 20 years, we've found that if we make water playscapes interesting for children, the adults follow. The water play area becomes the focal point for the community.

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