

The **Splash**  
MISSOURI EDITION



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 this natural nature themed Splashpad (shown above), a new Splashpad area with a Vortex Elevation and large sail shades at Oceans of Fun in Kansas City, MO, and a Splashpad for Lee's Summit, MO. 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!

## Upcoming Events

Look for us at:

The Missouri Park & Recreation Association (MPRA) Trade Show  
03/08/2017  
Branson, MO

## Check out the Splashpad at Oceans of Fun in Kansas City for a Fun Water Experience!



## FEATURED PRODUCTS

Snail No4 & Fish No1

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





## A New Way to Cool Off...Miller J Fields Splashpad in Lee's Summit, MO!



Miller J Fields Splashpad provides refreshing fun for kids in the City of Lee's Summit, MO. At 4,770 ft<sup>2</sup>, the Vortex Splashpad features a Super Splash dumping bucket as its focal point. Other water features include dumping buckets, dumping flowers, water cannons, a refreshing rainbow, sunspray, raining ombrellos, aqua dome, toddler height waterbug and multiple ground sprays with different water effects.

### 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 ft<sup>2</sup> 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 includes 4 shade shelters, tables and benches for parents to relax in the shade while watching 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

### Considering a Theme? Splashpad Highlights Town History, Native American Heritage and Early Railroad History



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## 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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