

## BCHS Ornamental Pond Guidelines

Benton County Human Services views ornamental ponds as a water hazard as defined in the day care rule (9502.0425, subpart 3). The rule states that swimming and wading pools, beaches, or other bodies of water on or adjacent to the site of the residence must be inaccessible to children except during periods of supervised use.

BCHS will accept the following in regard to ornamental ponds:

1. The ornamental pond itself must be fenced in,

OR

2. A fenced outdoor play area large enough to provide 50 square feet per child is provided,

AND

An adult care giver must be present at all times that any child is around the ornamental pond.

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