

Water Play



Buckets and squirt toys add to the fun.

Water play is highly interactive, multisensory, and universally loved.

Although there are many variations, the most versatile and fun water play setting is a garden hose and a well-drained, thick turf lawn. Alternately, troughs, channels, and water play tables engage children by offering them play opportunities using floating objects and building dams.

Easier yet, make the most of the next rain shower! In a matter of minutes, ordinary yards will transform into a wonderland of streams, rivers, lakes, dams, oceans, and waterfalls. Of course, dress appropriately and be sure there's no sign of thunder.



▲ Water play and watering the garden go hand in hand. Ground cover is nonslip, well-drained mulch.

MATERIALS

- Garden hose
- Sprinklers
- Squirt toys
- Sponges
- Water table
- Buckets & kiddie pools
- Misters
- Bubbles
- Rain showers

1. **Locate water play almost anywhere—just be sure the area is well drained and that ground surfaces don't get too slippery.**
2. **Add water!**