

YMCA - City of St. Thomas

Aquatic Partnership Program

Frequently Asked Questions

Who can attend the Family YMCA of St. Thomas-Elgin pool?

Any resident of St. Thomas with a city swim pass!

Please note the age restrictions below:

According to the YMCA swim admission policy, anyone 12 and younger must either:

- Pass the facility swim test and wear a Y swim wristband OR remain in shallow water and WITHIN ARM'S REACH at all times of a guardian who is 13 or older.

The ratio of guardians to swimmers who have not passed the swim test is 1:4 (all wearing PFDs) or 1:2 (not in PFDs).

Why are swim passes only available for St. Thomas residents?

This promotion is the result of a partnership between the YMCA of Southwestern Ontario and the City of St. Thomas. The purpose of this partnership is to provide indoor swimming opportunities to residents of St. Thomas, which does not currently have a public pool.

Can I use the city swim pass at another YMCA of Southwestern Ontario location?

No. The St. Thomas YMCA swim pass is only for the Family YMCA of St. Thomas-Elgin pool.

Can I use the Y fitness center with my swim pass?

No. This special promotion aims to provide indoor swimming opportunities to residents of St. Thomas, which does not have a public indoor pool.

Is the St. Thomas pool accessible?

The Y is for everyone! We have a chair lift for those who are unable to use the stairs going into the pool and require assistance. Users should be able to get in and out of the chair lift without assistance.

What programs and classes are included with a swim pass?

If you have the swim pass, you can join the St. Thomas Y's open swim times, lane swims and aquafit classes. Please visit ymcaswo.ca for the schedule of day and time listings.

When can we use the swim passes?

St. Thomas residents can use the swim passes to attend the YMCA of St. Thomas-Elgin pool anytime except during July and August.

What should I bring?

- A lock for changeroom lockers
- Photo ID
- Towel
- Indoor sandals or water shoes (no outside shoes allowed in the pool area)

Do I need to purchase a Y membership to register for the City/Y partnership programs?

No, any St. Thomas resident can purchase a swim pass or register for a City partnership program without having a YMCA membership.

How do I register for passes, drop-in classes, and lessons? How do I pay?

Swim passes and registration for city partnership programming can be done by visiting the YMCA at 20 High St., St. Thomas. Payments can be made with cash, debit or credit.

Are there financial subsidies for aquatics programming?

No, rates are fixed.

Rates

15 years & under
\$4.00

16 years & over
\$5.00

Family
(max. 5 swimmers)
\$15.00

10 Swim Pass
\$35.00



In addition to swim passes, we are excited to offer swim lessons starting Fall 2024.