

Now that the rainy season is upon us, we want to make sure everyone knows how to properly use the rollers on the courts. The Pickleball Club has two rollers that are hung on the parking lot side of the courts. Prior to purchasing rollers (as opposed to squeegees), we did a lot of research, speaking to tennis clubs, AVAC and Stanford. Rollers are more effective than squeegees if used properly.

To use them properly, start in the middle of the court and roll in a circle, enlarging the circle as you go. This will push the water towards the outside of the court as you go. Visit <https://villagespickleball.org/> for an excellent video, which is only 90 seconds long!

We purchased top of the line rollers, but there are a few things to note:

- Never roll them back and forth, that will not remove the puddles, always use them in the circular pattern shown in the video.
- Never step on a roller to remove the water, it reduces the effectivity and damages the roller.

To avoid injury, please make sure the courts are not slippery before beginning play! Remember, you can contact Mike Walias at [mjw0275@yahoo.com](mailto:mjw0275@yahoo.com) for Pickleball demos to learn the basics of the game, get safety tips or learn to improve your game!