

Petite Child Care Center Pesticide Policy

Definition of a pesticide

A Pesticide is a substance or mixture of substances intended for preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any pest.

The term Pesticide applies to Pesticide , Insecticides (roach killer, Flea and Lice control products), Herbicides (weed Killer),

Fungicides(Sanitizers,Cleaners,Mold and Mildew cleaners), Miticides(mite control,termite,dust,spider)

*** Labels should be read carefully. The Label will contain an EPA registration number.**

Intend Of Policy:

This policy is designed to protect the health of children, meet RCW 17.21.415 and the compliance Guide for the use of pesticides published by Washington State Department of Agriculture.

Intend Of Childcare Center

We are dedicated to using the least amount of chemical control of pests in our program in order to provide the healthiest environment possible for our children.

In order to control pests at Petite Child Care Center

We attempt to prevent infestation by:

- * Taking out trash daily or more as needed.**
- * Cleaning trash cans regularly.**
- * Keeping trash cans or dumpsters covered and away from the building.**
- * Keeping grounds clear of food and rubbish.**
- * Storing food in sealed plastic or metal containers.**
- * Cleaning and sanitizing all dishes, utensils, and surfaces used for eating or food preparation after meals and at the end of the day.**
- * Preventing pest entry into facility by sealing cracks and holes, using and repairing window screens and door sweeps.**
- * Moisture control by maintaining plumbing and water drainage systems.**
- * Planting native vegetation that is non-toxic.**
- * Mulching plant beds.**
- * Integrated pest management (IPM)**

IPM is a pest management strategy that focuses on long term prevention or suppression of pest problems including the following six components (must also be in compliance with RCW 17.21.415)

1. Education of Staff
2. Monitoring pests
3. Pest prevention (non-Chemical)
4. Least hazardous approach to pest control.
5. Notification of pesticide use
6. Record keeping

We use the Washington State Department Of Health (DOH) Pesticide Surveillance Program. [htm](http://www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/PEST.htm) guide to integrated pest management. This manual can be found at www.doh.wa.gov/ehp/ts/PEST.htm .

Policies and Records

***** If it is necessary to apply pesticides the following policies and procedures will be followed.*****

We do not regularly apply any pesticides to our facility/building.

Notification of Pesticide Policy

We shall provide written notification annually and upon enrollment to families of children and to employees describing the program's pest control policies and methods, including posting and notification requirements. Our policy will be made available to all families and staff for review annually. A copy will be posted in the director's office, is available by request from the director.

Record keeping and Annual Summary/Notification

We shall keep the records of all pesticide applications to center facilities and landscapings, including a list of active ingredients and copies of pre-notification and Notification postings, letters and methods of distribution. We shall make the record of all pesticide applications including an annual summary of the records readily accessible to interested persons by contacting the director. As required by law the annual summary will include the product names of all pesticides, active ingredients, quantities of each pesticide, and amount of tank mix applied. The annual summary for the previous year will be made available for review and attached to the pesticide policy.

Building/Facility Application

Pre- Notification

We will notify families and staff atleast 48 hours before a building/structure pesticide application. The notification shall include

- * A system of notifying each family and staff member in writing and
- * Posting of the pre-notification in a prominent place in the main office of the childcare Center, the front door of the center, and on the door to each classroom.

(Pre-notification requirements do NOT apply to any EMERGENCY application for control of any pest that poses an immediate human health or safety threat, such as an application to control stinging insects. When an emergency center application is made notification will be made at the time of application and the center will be evacuated and closed to protect children and staff unless area treated can be contained and inaccessible to children.

Pre-Notification and "Time of Application" signs for facility/structure applications of pesticide shall be a minimum of eight and half by eleven inches and shall state the following:

- * The Product name of the pesticide to be applied.
 - * The intended date and time of application .
 - * The location to which the pesticide is to be applied.
 - * The pest to be controlled.
 - * The name and phone number of a contact person at the center.
- * Notification signs shall be printed in colors contrasting to the background.

Time Of Application Notification(Facility/Structure)

* Pre-Notification signs must be updated if application differs from intended application with regards to product used, date or time applied, location pesticide applied, pesr controlled, name or phone number of contact person.

* Time Of Application -Notification" Signs shall remain in place for atleast 24 hours from the time the application is completed. In the event the pesticide lable requires a restricted entry interval (REI) greater than 24 hours, The notification sign shall remain in place consistent with restricted entry interval (REI) time as required by the lable.

Landscape/Grounds Application

A landscape application is any pesticide application to exterior landscape plants, lawn or insect nest located on the childcare centers property(including weed killer).

A- Pre-notification of pesticide application to childcare center grounds/landscape will be made to all families at least 48 hours before the application of pesticide using:

- * A system of notifying each family and staff member in writing
- * Posting of the pre-notification letter in a prominent place in the main office of the child care center, the front door of the center, and on the door to each classroom.

B)At the time of pesticide application notification signs will be posted for all pesticide applications made to child care grounds unless the application is otherwise required to be posted by a certified applicator the provisions of RCW 17.21.410(1)(d).

Notification signs for applications made to child care grounds by child care employee shall be placed at the location of the application and at each entry point to the area being treated. Several signs will be posted when large areas are treated. Signs will also be posted in a prominent place in the main office of the child care center , the front door, and on the door to each classroom.

The signs shall be a minimum of 4" X 5 " and shall include the words:

**“THIS LANDSCAPE HAS BEEN RECENTLY SPRAYED
OR TREATED WITH PESTICIDES BY YOUR CHILD
CARE CENTER”**

And shall be placed at atleast twelve inches from the ground. Signs shall remain in place for a minimum of 24 hours or longer if restricted entry interval time on label requires.

LIABILITY

We are not liable for the removal of signs by unauthorized persons. We may not be held liable for persons property or bodily injury resulting from signs that are placed as required.

Center employees do not need to be licensed to apply pesticides unless they are using state or fedrally restricted use pesticides or using motorized, mechanical or pressurized power wquipment(does not include pressurized backpacks or hand held spray cans.