

Pesticide Policy

1. Before the child is enrolled, the Good Shepherd Day Care Center Day will provide a summary of pest management plan and uses of pesticides to the child's parents or guardians.
2. Notification of the intended date of the application of the pesticide will be posted in monthly newsletter or other written communication methods use by the center and will be given three weeks prior the date.
3. Children will be not present during the application and will not return to the treated area within two hours after a pesticide application.

Pest Management Plan:

1. It is the policy of Good Shepherd Day Care Center to only use pesticides when pests have been identified and their presence verified.
2. Selection of treatment options or corrective actions will give priority to least-risk actions whenever possible to provide the desired control of pests.
3. Chemicals for insects and rodent control shall be applied in minimum amounts and shall not be used when children are presents in the facility.
4. Toys and other item handled by the children must be removed from the area before pesticides are applied.
5. Children must not return to the treated area within 2 hours after a pesticide application or as specified on the pesticide label.
6. Commercial chemicals, if used, shall be applied by a licensed pest control operator and shall meet all standards of the Department of Public Health.
7. Our pest management coordinator (along with pest management contractor and other appropriate school staff such as food service director) will perform a thorough inspection annually to identify problems and corrective actions needed to prevent and/or manage pest infestations.
8. The center must adopt an Integrated Pest Management program involving the cooperation between Good Shepherd Day Care Center staff and pest control personnel or other specialists to use a variety of non – chemical methods as well as pesticides, when needed, to reduce pest infestations to acceptable levels and to minimize children's exposure to pesticides.
9. Monthly monitoring by visual inspection will be done by designated staff indoors during school year and outdoors during spring, summer and fall months.

10. A record on any pesticides used shall be maintained at the facility.

Child's name.....

Parent/Guardian Signature.....

Date.....