

CCR&R Toy and Equipment Washing Policy

PURPOSE:

To reduce the germs and diseases that are spread when children share toys and equipment.

PROCEDURE:

Small toys or equipment that can be placed in children's mouth needs to be cleaned and disinfected at least once daily. Larger toys and equipment need to be cleaned and disinfected weekly or more often if obviously dirty.

Plastic, wooden or metal toys must be washed by hand or in the dishwasher.

WASHING BY HAND:

- a. Thoroughly wash and scrub each toy with hot water and soap or detergent.
- b. Rinse well under hot running water.
- c. Disinfect each toy with a solution of chlorine bleach and water (Mix 1 tablespoon of chlorine in 1 gallon of cool water) Dip the toys in this solution and allow them to air dry completely.
- d. Larger equipment must be cleaned and disinfected on a weekly basis. Wash these pieces using hot water and soap or detergent, rinse with warm water, and apply the chlorine bleach and water solution utilizing a spray bottle and allow to completely air dry.

***NOTE: Chlorine and water solution must be made fresh daily.**

WASHING BY DISHWASHER:

***NOTE: Make sure that the toys are machine washable.**

- a. Run the toys through the complete wash and dry cycle. Use the top rack only.
- b. Use the proper amount of dishwasher detergent recommended by the manufacturer.
- c. Chlorine solution dip is not needed.

When returning items to the Resource Library, please ensure they are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected for the next person's use.