



Mecklenburg County Health Department

Child Care Center Cleaning Guide

Toy Cleaning

- **Toys in the infant and toddler rooms** shall be cleaned and sanitized daily and as needed.
- **Anything that is placed in a child's mouth** must be cleaned and sanitized between children.



- **Separate "dirty" and "clean" toy bins** are recommended. (Store out of reach)



- **Large items that are used daily** shall be cleaned and, where applicable, sanitized daily. Otherwise, they should be cleaned at least weekly or after each use.
- **All soiled toys** shall be cleaned with soapy water to remove contamination, rinsed in clean water, and then submerged in a 50-200 PPM chlorine solution, or equivalent sanitizer water for at least 2 minutes. Toys should then be removed from the chlorine solution and allow to air dry.
- **Plush toys** must be washed in clothes washing machine with hot water and mechanically dried.
- **Hard plastic toys** may be washed and rinsed in a dish washing machine, the kitchen sink, or in large plastic tubs.
- **Toys, items, and surfaces not designed to be submerged** shall be washed and rinsed in place, sprayed with a sanitizing solution, and allowed to air dry.

RULE REFERENCE:

15A NCAC 18A .2822 (TOYS, EQUIPMENT AND FURNITURE)