PESTICIDE POLICY
FOR
LIL' PEOPLE'S WORLD, INC.

BACKGROUND INFORAMTION:

Increasing concern about the impact of pesticides on children's health has led to a law dealing with pesticide use in schools and licensed child care centers. As of July 1, 2002 public schools and licensed child care centers must provide annual notification of their pest control policies and methods, establish a system to notify families of children and employees of planned pesticide use, and post signs where pesticides have been applied. (Chapter 17.21 RCW, The Pesticide Applications Act).

The impact of pesticides on children's health can range from irritation to skin and mucous membranes, to difficulty breath, rash or vomiting. Long term exposure may lead to developmental delay, immune or endocrine system disruption or cancer.

In addition, children with special needs, asthma and allergies can be highly sensitive to pesticides and suffer from mild to severe reactions to pesticides and pesticide residues.

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 means and includes: weed killers, rodent baits, insect repellants, insect killers, products that control plant diseases an other substances registered by the EPA except disinfectants.

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

INTENT OF POLICY:

This policy is designed to protect the health of children, meet RCW 17.21.415 and Compliance Guide for the Use of Pesticides published by the Washington State Department of Agriculture. Full text of the law can be found at:
www.agr.wa.gov/PestFert/Pesticides/docs/ComplGuidePub075.pdf

INTENT OF CHILD CARE 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 pest at Lil' People's World, Inc:

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 build.
- ♦ 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.
- ♦ Mechanically managing weeds.
- ♦ Planting native vegetation that is non-toxic
- ♦ Mulching plant beds
- ♦ Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

Integrated Pest Management (IPM – definition)
IPM is a pest management strategy that focuses on long term prevention or suppression of pest problem including the following six components: **(Must also be in compliance with RCW 17.21.415)**

Education of staff
Monitoring pests
Pest prevention (non-chemical)
Least hazardous approach to pest control
Notification of pesticide use
Record keeping

We use the Integrated Pest Management for Schools: A How-to Manual guide to Integrated Pest Management. This manual can be found at www.lilpeoplesworld.com as well as in the director's office.

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I. Policies and Records

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

(A) 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, and is posted on our website www.lilpeoplesworld.com.

(B) Records Keeping and Annual Summary/Notification

We shall keep the records of all pesticide applications to center facilities and landscapes, including a list of active ingredients and copies of Pre-Notification and Notification postings, letters and method of distribution. We shall make the records of all pesticides 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. The annual summary for the previous year will be made available for review and attached to the pesticide policy.

II. Building/Facility

A. Pre-notification

We will notify families and staff at least forty-eight (48) ours before a building/structural pesticide application. The notification system shall include:

*** A system of notifying each family and staff member in writing** (i.e. a letter sent home or mailed) AND

*** Posting** of the pre-notification 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.

**Application to the center must be made with in 48 hours following the intended date and time stated or the pre-notification process must be repeated.

The pre-notification requirements do NOT apply if the indoor application is made when the center is NOT occupied by children or staff for at least **two (2) consecutive days after the application (i.e. Friday evening).

The pre-notification requirements do to 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 (see advice from DCCEL licensor).

"Pre-Notification" and **"Time of Application Notification" signs** for facility/structure applications of pesticides (including school buses) shall be a minimum **of eight and one-half by eleven inches (8.5" x 11")** shall the following and shall include the heading:

"Notice: Pesticide Application"

- The product name of the pesticide to be applied
- The intended date and time of the 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

B) Time of Application Notification (Facility/Structure)

"Pre-Notification" signs must be updated if application differs from intended application with regard to product used, date or time applied, location pesticide applied, pest controlled, name or phone number of contact person.
"Time of Application Notification" signs shall remain in place for at least twenty-four (24) hours from the time the application is completed. In the event the pesticide label requires a restricted entry interval (REI) greater than twenty-four (24) hours, the notification sign shall remain in place consistent with the restricted entry interval (REI) time as required by the label.

III. Landscape/Grounds Application

A landscape (school grounds) application is any pesticide application to exterior landscape plants, lawn or insect nest located on the children care center (including weed killers).

(A) Pre-notification of pesticide application to child care grounds/landscape will be made to all families at least 48 hours before the application of pesticides using:

* A system of notifying each family and staff member in writing (i.e. a letter sent home or mailed) AND

*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 under the provisions of RCS 17.21.410(1)(d).

Notification signs for applications made to child care grounds by child care employees 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 four inches by five inches (4"x5") and shall include the words:

"**THIS LANDSCAPE HAS BEEN RECENTLY SPRAYED OR TREATED WITH PESTICIDES BY YOUR CHIDL CARE CENTER" FOR MORE INFORMATION PLAESE CALL: _____(Person) AT _____( ) _____ (Phone number)** and shall be placed at least twelve inches (12") from the ground. Signs shall remain in place for minimum of 24 hours or longer if restricted entry interval time on label requires.

IV. LIABILITY

We are not liable for the removal of signs by unauthorized persons. We may not be held liable for personal property damage 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 federally restricted use pesticides or using motorized, mechanical or pressurized power equipment (does not include pressurized backpacks or hand held spray cans).

V. STORAGE AND DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDES

(A) Storage

We follow the WSDA rules for storage of pesticides, which are: We will not store pesticides above foodstuffs due to the possibility of leakage.

Children will not touch or transport any pesticide or pesticide container.

Pesticides with the signal words of "Danger", "warning", or "Caution" will be stored in secured storage out of reach of children in an acceptable enclosure (see below).

Pesticides with signal words **"Danger/Poison"** will be stored in an acceptable locked and posted enclosure such as:

- A building or room or fenced area with a fence at least 6 feet high
- A foot locker or other container which can be locked
- A bulk storage container fifty (50) gallons and larger with tight screw type bungs and/or secured or locked valves.
- Metal containers twenty-eight gallons and larger with screw-type bungs and/or secured and locked valves.

- Sealed five gallon containers (requiring a tool to unseal) to prevent children, unauthorized persons, livestock or other animals from gaining entry.

We will post warning signs for storage areas containing pesticides with the signal words "DANGER/POISON" shall be state. In letters large enough to be legible from thirty (30) feet.

A) DISPOSAL

There are strict rules for disposing of leftover pesticide product and its container. Pesticides and their containers may NOT be thrown away in regular garbage nor disposed of into our water supply.

We will contact Washington Pest Consultants Association (WaPCA) for proper disposal recommendations of empty pesticide containers. http://pep.wsu.edu/waste/wapca.html

Otherwise, we will contact our local solid waste programs, call 1-800-cleanup (1-800-253-2687) or visit the Earth 911 website: www.earth911.org for recommendations for disposal of leftover product.