

McCormick Montessori Child Care Center
Pest Management Policy

SUBJECT: Pest Management Policy

PURPOSE: To ensure that the center, and the adults and children in it, are protected from pests.

POLICY: Efforts will be made to prevent the presence of insects, pests, and rodents in the Child Care Center, in a manner that is safe for the children and adults.

PROCEDURES:

1. The windows at the Center will be closed and sealed at all times. Doors will also be closed to the outside when not being used as an entrance or exit. Doors will have weather stripping around all edges to prevent insects from crawling under the doors.
2. Smithereen Pest Control will visit the Center monthly to examine the area and insure that it is free of pests. In the event that there are pests on the premises, Smithereen Pest Control will be called immediately to come examine the Center in addition to their scheduled monthly visit.
3. Smithereen Pest Control will use treatments that are not harmful to children and will not spray pesticides or other harmful chemicals. If necessary, they will use insecticide gels that are placed under sinks or areas not accessible to the children. The Center will inform parents if gels are applied at least two days prior to application. If there is an immediate health concern and application is needed to avoid health threats, notification will be given after application.
4. Each class room will have at least one garbage can and diaper pail. Garbage and diapering pails will be durable and covered to avoid harborage for insects, rodents, or other pests. The garbage and diaper pails will be changed twice per day and the containers cleaned after the Center is closed for the day.
5. The Center is cleaned at the end of the everyday, once the children have left. This includes but is not limited to: sweeping, mopping, vacuuming, cleaning and disinfecting of toys, furniture, changing tables, and table tops.
6. To avoid attraction of insects and pests, water will not be left standing in the sinks, kitchen, etc.
7. Proper storage of cleaning materials and chemicals will be maintained and remain inaccessible to children. Cleaning materials will be labeled, sealed, and kept in a locked chemical closet.