

Cleaning and Disinfecting Toys

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For classrooms with infants and toddlers: Clean and disinfect all frequently touched toys after each class and when toys are visibly soiled.

For classrooms with older children (non-diapered): Clean toys at least weekly and when visibly soiled.

Cloth toys maybe washed in hot water and dried in an automatic dryer.

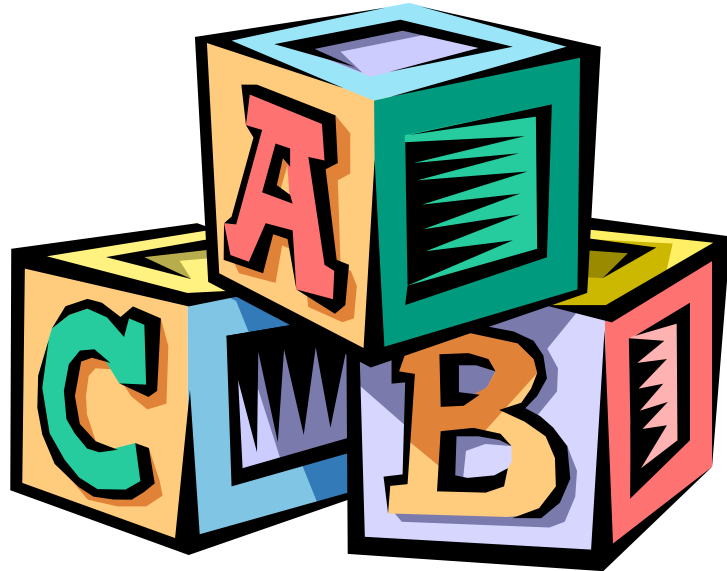
Do not use non-washable toys or toys with surfaces that cannot be cleaned.

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To clean, wash toys in soap and water, rinse, then disinfect.

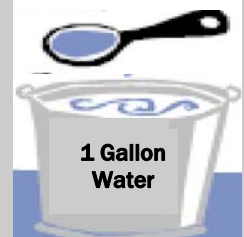
To disinfect, make a fresh solution of 1 1/2 teaspoons of household bleach added to 1 gallon of water (water must be at least 75 degrees F).

Dip toys into a container filled with the bleach solution for at least 2 minutes. Allow toys to air dry.

Use cloths rinsed in bleach solution to clean larger toys, books, and the activity center.

Remember:

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bleach



When mixing your
bleach solution,
always add bleach
to water.