



PLP HS 215 Safe Drinking Water

Safe Drinking Water Act

The *Safe Drinking Water Act* is intended to protect human health and prevent water health hazards through the control and regulation of drinking systems and drinking water testing.

TDSB and TCDSB Responsibilities

In accordance with the Ontario Regulations 243/07 under the *Safe Drinking Water Act*, a child care will ensure that a yearly laboratory test for lead is conducted. The Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board will be responsible for flushing procedures, for taking samples annually to test for lead, following current laboratory testing procedures and for sharing and maintaining water safety records on behalf of Park Lawn Preschool Inc.

Lead sampling will take place in early May and be completed by the end of June annually. The testing laboratory will send sampling results electronically to Head Office and the Operations Manager will send the results to each of the respective sites.

Sampling results and flushing records will be kept by the School Board caretaker in the **Water Sampling Binder** and are to be shared with child care supervisors as required within normal business hours.

If the results for a site exceed the standard,

- The testing laboratory will send a **Lead Exceedance Test Notification Form (LEN)** to the appropriate school board.
- The school board will complete Section C1 of the form, add co-location information and describe directions from the Health Unit and/or corrective actions being taken.
- Within 24 hours of receiving the report, the School Board will forward the **LEN** form to the Ministry's Spills Action Centre, to the Health Unit, the Ministry of Education and the child care operator.
- The child care operator must submit the **LEN** to the Ministry of Education within 24 hours of receipt.

The TCDSB or the TDSB as the primary facility operator must take corrective action as directed by the Health Unit. Once corrective actions have been taken and the issue resolved, the School Board will submit a **Notice of Issue Resolution** signed by the Operations Manager to the agencies listed above within 7 days.

Park Lawn Preschool Inc. responsibilities:

- All lead sampling results including **LEN** and **Notice of Issue Resolution** will be given to the PLP Health and Safety Committee, to the Board of Directors and posted for the public.
- Copies of any reports by the Laboratory as well as the daily flushing records will be kept on file for six (6) years.
- The **Registration and Laboratory Services Notification** form (Appendix B) will be submitted annually to update our agency contact information and verify that our centres are co-located within TDSB and TCDSB schools, and that any changes to the information be re-submitted within 10 days.
- Plumbing is flushed weekly on the Monday or first day that the child care is open.
- Flushing is completed before the child care is open.

Flushing Instructions

Schools and child care centres must perform a daily flushing routine as outlined below. Child care centres and schools may reduce from daily to weekly flushing if none of the lead results from the two most recent years have exceeded the safe drinking water standard.

- The cold water must be turned on for at least five (5) minutes at the last tap on each branch or each run of pipe in the plumbing. Where possible, filters and other devices that treat water should be bypassed before flushing.
- Turn on cold water for at least 10 seconds at every drinking water fountain and every tap that is commonly used to provide water for drinking or cooking.
- The aerator must be removed from taps while flushing.
- Record date, time and location of every flush in the **Water Flushing Log** (Appendix A) as well as the full name and signature of the person who performed the flushing. Recording forms are available in the centre daily logbook.
- All records and a copy of the yearly laboratory test will be available for inspection by any member of the public, during normal business hours, without charge.
- All yearly records will be provided to the Board of Directors and will be discussed at the first Board Meeting following the results.