



Foster Home Inspection Application

Please provide a request for inspection letter from your licensing agency to validate inspection request. Enclose the following documents: __ payment, __copy of Driver License, & __ request for inspection from licensing agency. Please make check payable to NET Health and return to: Attn: Environmental Health Department 815 N. Broadway Ave. Tyler, TX 75702.

The inspection fee of \$50.00 is due at the time of application. Subsequent inspections may be charged additional inspection fees to cover the cost of the service. Application must be made at least two working days prior to scheduling an appointment for inspection. NET Health will conduct the inspection as required by the TX Department of Family and Protective Services (TX DFPS) and NET Health District Order 2013-2. Once the inspection is completed, the inspection report will be sent to the appropriate licensing agent.

Name of Applicant: _____
Street Address: _____
City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____ **County** _____
Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____ **Work:** _____
Mailing Address: _____
Email Address: _____

Please check the type of Service that is most applicable

Water Supply: Public Private Well **Name of Water Utility District:** _____

Wastewater Disposal: Public Septic Aerobic **Name of Utility District** _____

Number of Pets: _____

Please check

Foster to Adopt Foster Home **Number of Children:** _____ **Age Range:** _____

Licensing Agency: _____

Licensing Representative: _____

Mailing Address _____

Email: _____ **Phone:** _____

Deadline for Inspection Completion: _____

A copy of the NET Health District Order 2013-2 can be obtained from the office at 815 N. Broadway Ave. Tyler, TX 75702 or on the web page at: www.healthyeasttx.org

Please acknowledge you have read and understand the requirements of NET Health District Order 2013-2 establishing the inspection per State Law and Texas Department of Family & Protective Services. By signing I certify that all facts stated in this application are true and correct.

Signature of Applicant

Print Name

Date

Date Received: _____ Foster Home Inspection Fee: \$50.00 Method of Payment: _____
Driver's License: __ IR #: _____ Inspector Assigned: _____ Date Assigned: _____ Location Code: _____
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS FOR FOSTER HOMES

Building/Equipment

- Building and grounds must be maintained, clean, and repaired so that they are not hazardous to health and safety.
- Outdoor areas must be well drained.
- Equipment and furniture must be safe, sturdy, and kept in good repair.
- Glass in sliding glass doors must be clearly marked with decals or other materials placed at children's eye level.
- Stairs, porches, and platforms must be splinter free and must have railings the children can reach.
- Guns and other weapons should be kept locked away or out of reach. Ammunition must be kept separate and apart from guns and also must be locked up or out of reach.
- Indoor and outdoor floors, porches and railings should not be slippery
- Poisonous substances must be stored out of reach or locked away separately from food and medications.
- Each child must have his own bed, bunk, cot, mat, and linens. Beds must be kept clean and comfortable.
- Linens must be changed as often as needed for cleanliness and sanitation or at least once a week.
- Bedding, including cots and mats, must be laundered or otherwise sanitized between assignments to different children.
- Personal storage space must be provided for each child's clothing and possessions. Children who are able to look after their own needs must have individual storage space in their bedrooms for clothing and possessions.
- The temperature of hot water available to children must be controlled by a thermostat so that the water temperature is no higher than 120 degrees Fahrenheit.
- There must be child-proof covers or safety outlets for electrical outlets accessible to children younger than 8 years.

Ventilation / Lighting / Heating

- There must be adequate light, ventilation, and heat. Electric fans are securely mounted and have guards which keep children from touching blades.
- Room temperature should be comfortable.
- Noxious odors should be identified and the cause corrected. Excess humidity should be avoided to prevent fungal growth.
- Windows and doors used for ventilation must be screened.
- Gas appliances should be vented to the outside.

Toilet Facilities

- Plumbing must be in good working condition.
- Bathrooms should be kept clean, and properly maintained in a safe and sanitary manner.
- The facility must have one lavatory, one tub or shower with hot and cold running water, and one toilet for every eight children (24-hour facilities)
- Hot and cold water through a mixing faucet should be available for hand washing.
- Toilet paper should be available for each toilet.
- Soap and a sanitary means of drying hands should be available for every lavatory.
- Bathrooms should be constructed so that all surfaces are easily cleanable.
- Potty chairs must be sanitized after each child's use.

Water Supply

- There must be a supply of drinking water supplied in a safe and sanitary manner and meeting the standards of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality. (A water sample will be collected by NetHealth for facilities on a water well)
- The use of common drinking cups is prohibited.

Waste Water

- There must be a sewage system that is sanitary and meets the standards of the Texas Commission of Environmental Quality or the standards of the local Authorized Agent for Smith County. When possible, the system must be connected to a public system.

Solid waste Disposal

- All garbage must be kept and managed as necessary in order to maintain sanitary conditions inside and outside the facility and removed at least once weekly.
- Garbage containers should have lids and should be stored outside of play areas.

Insects and Rodents

- Appropriate measures must be taken to keep the facility free of rodents, insects, and stray animals.
- Pesticides used only by the owner should be properly stored away from the children, and used in accordance with label directions.
- All other pest control work must be done by someone licensed by the Structural Pest Control Board (SPCB).

Pets

- All animals on the premises, including pets and livestock, must be vaccinated for rabies and treated by a licensed veterinarian in accordance to the Smith County Animal Control Ordinance (Chapter 826). Documentation of vaccinations and treatment for animals must be on file at the facility.
- Pet living quarters should be kept clean.
- Animal feces should be removed from play areas immediately.
- Stray animals should not be present on the premises.

Food Sanitation

- Appliance thermometers must be present in refrigerators and freezers. Perishable food must be refrigerated (at 41F or colder) or stored safely in other ways.

Swimming Pools

- Swimming pools should meet the State Pool Rules. Proper fencing, locked gates and safety equipment must be present.
- Pools must be maintained clear and in sanitary condition.

PLEASE NOTE: This is not an all-inclusive list of items to be evaluated during the inspection.