



# GARLAND

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## HEALTH

### FOSTER HOME ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CHECKLIST

1. Home and grounds are kept clean and free of hazards to children.
2. Kitchen and all food preparation, storage and serving areas are kept clean.
3. Perishable food is refrigerated or safely stored in other ways.
4. Home has an adequate supply of water that meets the standards for drinking water of the Texas Department of State Health Services. If a private well is used, the Texas Department of State Health Services or local health department must be consulted if any problems arise.
5. Home has an adequate, safe sewage disposal system. If a private sewage disposal system is used, the Texas Department of State Health Services or local health department must be consulted if any problems arise.
6. Plumbing appears to be in good working condition.
7. Home has hot and cold running water.
8. There is at least one toilet, lavatory and bathtub or shower inside of the home.
9. Bathrooms are kept clean.
10. Soap and toilet paper are available in the bathrooms at all times.
11. Each child has a clean towel available, or paper towels are available.
12. Garbage is removed at least once a week.
13. Garbage is kept in metal or plastic containers with tight fitting lids in an area away from the children.
14. The home is kept free of insects, mice and rats.
15. The yard is well drained, with no standing water.
16. The yard is kept free of garbage and trash.
17. The house is adequately ventilated and free from bad odors.
18. Windows and outside doors kept open for ventilation are screened.
19. Cleaning supplies, insect supplies, medicines, and other materials that can harm young children are kept where children under age 8 and children for whom these items might present an unusual danger cannot reach them.
20. Accessible electric outlets in rooms used by children under age 8 or children for whom these outlets might present an unusual danger are safety outlets or have child-proof covers.
21. Electric fans are securely mounted where children under age 8 or children for whom these items might present an unusual danger cannot reach them, or have guards which keep children from touching the fan blades.
22. Outdoor steps are not slippery. Porches, railings, playhouse, and other wooden structures do not have splinters.
23. Indoor floors and steps are not slippery, and are kept dry when children are using them. Wood surfaces and objects do not have splinters.
24. Glass doors are marked at a child's eye level to prevent accidents.