
2. POLICIES and PROCEDURES

2.9. *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002; O. Reg. 173/03 (Flushing for Lead)*
(Applies to all Day Nurseries)

26. Checklist Reference

**LEGISLATIVE
REFERENCES****2(1), (2) and 3(1), (2)*****Safe Drinking Water
Act, 2002*****O. Reg. 173/03**

- 2(1) The operator of a school, private school or day nursery shall ensure that:
- (a) the plumbing is flushed on the first day that the school, private school or day nursery is open in each week;
 - (b) the flushing continues until the temperature of the water stabilizes; and
 - (c) the flushing is completed before the school, private school or day nursery opens for the day. O. Reg. 173/03, s.2(1).
- 2(2) For the purpose of clause (1)(a), plumbing may be flushed by opening the last cold water tap on each branch or each run of pipe in the plumbing. O. Reg. 173/03, s.2(2).
- 3(1) The operator of a school, private school or a day nursery shall ensure that a record is made of the date and time of every flushing required by section 2 and the name of the person who performed the flushing. O. Reg. 173/03, s.3(1).
- 3(2) The operator of the school, private school or day nursery shall ensure that every record made under subsection (1) is kept for at least five years. O.Reg. 173/03, s.3(2).

INDICATORS**Indicator Type:** Documentation

1. There is a written record on site with the date and time of every flushing required and the name of the person who performed the flushing.
2. The flushing for lead record is kept for at least five years.

Indicator Type: Interview

- 1) The operator confirms:
 - (a) the plumbing is flushed on the first day that the day nursery is open in each week;
 - (b) the flushing continues until the temperature stabilizes; and
 - (c) the flushing is completed before the day nursery opens for the day.

**SPECIAL
INSTRUCTIONS**

To flush a system, open the last cold water tap on the branch of the plumbing or at the fixture(s) where water is usually taken for drinking or food preparation and allow the water to run for at least one minute.

Additional information about the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002*, can be obtained through the Ministry of Environment website at: <http://www.ene.gov.on.ca/envision/gp/5361e.pdf>.