



Sensory Table Guidelines

Water Play Table

Water play tables should be kept clean and free from debris at all times as they can collect, grow and spread germs from one child to another. Basins should be constructed of a material that is smooth, impervious to moisture and easily cleaned. Water play tables should be emptied, cleaned and disinfected twice daily or between each group of children. Ill children (cough, runny nose, diarrhea illness etc.) should not use the water play table with another child. Cover tables to prevent debris from entering.

Instructions for safe use

1. **Fill with fresh water before use**
2. **Staff and children wash hands prior to and after use**
3. **Empty tub after use and clean and disinfect thoroughly with 200ppm chlorine or 400ppm QUATS**
4. **Empty and allow to air dry**
5. **Clean, disinfect and air dry all water toys daily**

Sand Play Table

Sand play table should be filled with prepackaged sterilized play sand – free from clay, silt debris and other contaminants. Once sand becomes moist or wet it should be replaced. Clean and disinfect toys weekly and when soiled. Ensure tables are covered to prevent debris from entering.

Other Sensory Play

Follow the same instructions for sand play tables for other sensory play media such as pasta, rice grains, beans etc. Once the dry food product becomes wet it should be replaced.

Approved Sanitizer	How to Mix	Solution Strength
Chlorine Solution	2 ml (1/2 teaspoon) household bleach per litre (4cups) of water Or 30 ml (1 ounce or 2 tablespoons) household bleach per 15 litres (3.3 gal) or a domestic sink half-filled with water	100 ppm Chlorine for toys and other environmental surfaces.
Quaternary Ammonia Solution (QUATS)	Follow manufacturer's instructions. Product must have a DIN issued by Health Canada	200 ppm QUATS for toys and other environmental surfaces.

For more information, please contact your local Environmental Health Officer.

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