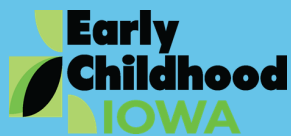


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Good Neighbor Iowa



The University of Northern Iowa's "Good Neighbor Iowa" initiative is a statewide public education campaign to reduce children's exposure to commonly-used lawn pesticides. It involves school districts, park managers, child care businesses and other community leaders who are demonstrating that it is possible and practical to manage large areas of turf without the use of pesticides (weed killers, insecticides, or fungicides).

Good Neighbor Iowa has developed a "Lawn Care and Pest Management Policy" available for child care businesses. Child care programs adopting the Pest Manage-

ment Policy will receive Good Neighbor Iowa materials, a brochure about pesticide-free lawn, state-wide recognition as a pesticide-free child care business, as well as "Pesticide-Free" yard signage.

For more information go to:

- Good Neighbor Iowa website at <https://goodneighborowa.org/>
- Lawn Care and Pest Management Policy Online Pledge at <https://goo.gl/forms/OYkfQmkMs0kw0rbf2>
- Lawn Care and Pest Management Policy Printable Form at <https://idph.iowa.gov/Portals/1/userfiles/128/Good%20Neighbor%20Iowa%20Child%20Care%20Policy%202022618%20Final.pdf>
- Contact Good Neighbor Iowa at good-neighbor@uni.edu or by phone at (319) 273-7150.

Cryptosporidiosis and Wading Pools

Summer is peak season for cryptosporidiosis resulting from recreational water exposure. "Crypto" is a parasite that causes illness, usually 2-10 days following exposure and lasts about 1 to 2 weeks. Symptoms include:

- Watery diarrhea
- Stomach cramps or pain
- Dehydration
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Fever
- Weight loss

"Crypto" has a high tolerance to chlorine bleach. It can survive for long periods of time in chlorinated water. The use of wading pools in child care has been linked to outbreaks in Iowa and should not be used. Caring For Our Children standard 6.3.5.3. states "Portable wading pools do not permit adequate control of sanitation and safety and they promote the transmission of infectious diseases and are not permitted in child care. Sprinklers, small individual pails, other types of water play and elevated water tables provide opportunities for children to have fun water play but do not have the same risk." For more information, go to <https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/crypto/> or contact your child care nurse consultant.