

Foster Care/Adoption homes

Foster Care homes for adults and children require an annual inspection from both Fire and Health. Applications for inspection are online or in person at the City of Schertz, City Hall located at 1400 Schertz Pkwy bldg.. #1. Inspections must be paid *prior* to scheduling inspection.

Residential Foster Care Inspection checklist:

Building Interior and Exterior:

- Free of hazards to children (tall furniture must be anchored, appliances secured).
- Kitchen and food preparation, storage and serving areas are clean.
- Provide hot and cold running water.
- Plumbing in good working order. No obvious leaks.
- Refrigerator must maintain a temperature of 41° F/5°C or less. Freezer must maintain food products in a frozen state. Accurate thermometers for both refrigerator and freezer must be provided, if the refrigerator displays the temperature on the door no additional temperature reading device is required.
- At least one toilet, lavatory and bathtub or shower inside the home.
- Garbage is removed at least once a week.
- Adequate ventilation and free of bad odors.
- Windows and doors are screened. **A home with a working central A/C is exempt from this requirement.
- Electrical outlets are covered, for children under age 8.
- Outdoor wooden structure do have splinters, including porch railings, play equipment.
- Glass doors are marked at child's eye level, use stickers, safety markers or artwork.
- Yard must be well kept. All harborage for mice, rats, ants, etc. must be removed (EX: OLD TIRES, HIGH WEEDS, STANDING WATER, JUNK CARS, AND MISCELLANEOUS RUBBISH).
- Yard has no standing water.
- Fences must be in good repair.
- Swimming pools on site require an alarm at each exit into the backyard.
- Tip hazards ie, top heavy furniture pieces and tall items, must be secured.

Other Requirements:

- Soap, toilet paper are available in the bathroom at all times
- Clean towels and laundry are available
- Cleaning supplies, insect sprays, medicines and other harmful materials are stored out of reach.
- Linens and bedding must be in good condition.
- All pets must be vaccinated and licensed with records available.
- Window blinds and cords out of reach.