



Outdoor & Yard Safety Checklist

Inspect regularly to keep your yard safe for family, pets, and visitors

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Inspector: Janie



Safe Play Areas



- ☐ Play equipment (swings, slides, climbers) inspected for sharp edges, loose bolts, or splinters
- ☐ Protective surfacing (mulch, rubber mat) at least 6" deep under equipment
- ☐ Play area enclosed or clearly defined away from driveways and streets
- ☐ No tripping hazards (roots, rocks, hoses) within the play zone
- ☐ Equipment anchored securely and not tip-prone
- ☐ Shade available to prevent heat-related illness
- ☐ Sandbox covered when not in use to prevent animal contamination
- ☐ Age-appropriate equipment verified for children using it

Repairs/Actions Needed:

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Tool & Lawn Equipment Storage



- ☐ Shed or garage locked and inaccessible to children
- ☐ Power tools (mowers, trimmers, chainsaws) stored with guards in place
- ☐ Hand tools hung or stored with blades covered or pointing down
- ☐ Fuel stored in approved containers, away from ignition sources
- ☐ Extension cords stored properly, not frayed or coiled under heat
- ☐ Ladders stored flat or secured upright so they can't fall
- ☐ Sharp tools (rakes, shovels, pitchforks) stored tines-down or in a covered bin
- ☐ Equipment area free from oil spills or fuel leaks

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Garden Chemicals & Fertilizers



- ☐ All pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers stored in original labeled containers
- ☐ Chemicals locked in a cabinet or shed, out of reach of children and pets
- ☐ No expired or unlabeled products present
- ☐ Application equipment (sprayers) clean and stored separately from food areas
- ☐ MSDS/SDS sheets accessible for all chemical products
- ☐ Protective gear (gloves, mask, goggles) available and in good condition
- ☐ Re-entry intervals observed after applying chemicals to lawn or garden
- ☐ Unused chemicals disposed of through local hazardous waste program

Chemicals Needing Disposal:

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Water Feature Safety



- ☐ Pool or hot tub surrounded by a compliant 4-sided fence with self-latching gate
- ☐ Pool gate tested — closes and latches automatically
- ☐ Pool water balanced and treated (pH, chlorine levels checked)
- ☐ Life-saving equipment (ring buoy, reaching pole) within arm's reach
- ☐ Pond or water garden edge stable, non-slippery, and visible
- ☐ Birdbaths and decorative water features emptied or covered when not supervised
- ☐ No electrical equipment within 10 ft of water (extension cords, lights)
- ☐ Pool/hot tub cover secure when not in use; cannot support a child's weight

Issues Found:

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