

STEPS TO A PEST-FREE INDOOR ENVIRONMENT

Kitchen

Store food in tightly sealed containers.

Keep area around and under refrigerator clean and dry.

Clean the refrigerator every 6 months.

Bathroom

Fix leaks right away.

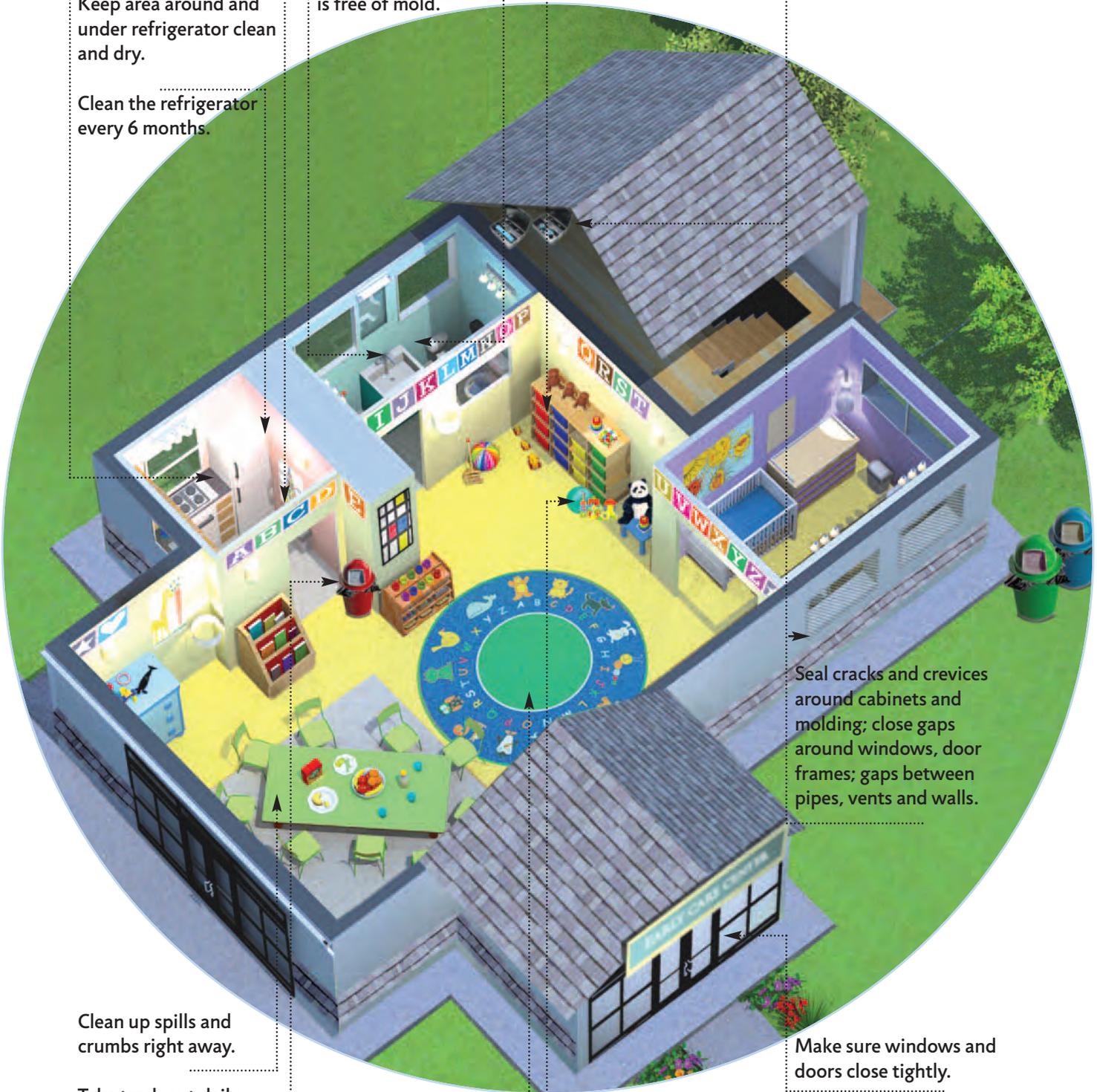
Make sure bathroom is free of mold.

Common Area

Use plastic bins with lids for storage, not cardboard boxes.

General

Place bait stations and traps out of reach of children.



Clean up spills and crumbs right away.

Take trash out daily.

Seal cracks and crevices around cabinets and molding; close gaps around windows, door frames; gaps between pipes, vents and walls.

Make sure windows and doors close tightly.

Minimize clutter and hiding places for pests.

Mop and vacuum floors daily.



STEPS TO A PEST-FREE OUTDOOR ENVIRONMENT

Distances

Trees and shrub branches are 6 feet from building.

Plants are at least 12 inches from building.

Yellowjacket traps are 50 feet from where children play.

Foundation is up at least 6 inches above ground level. Walls are finished on the inside.

General

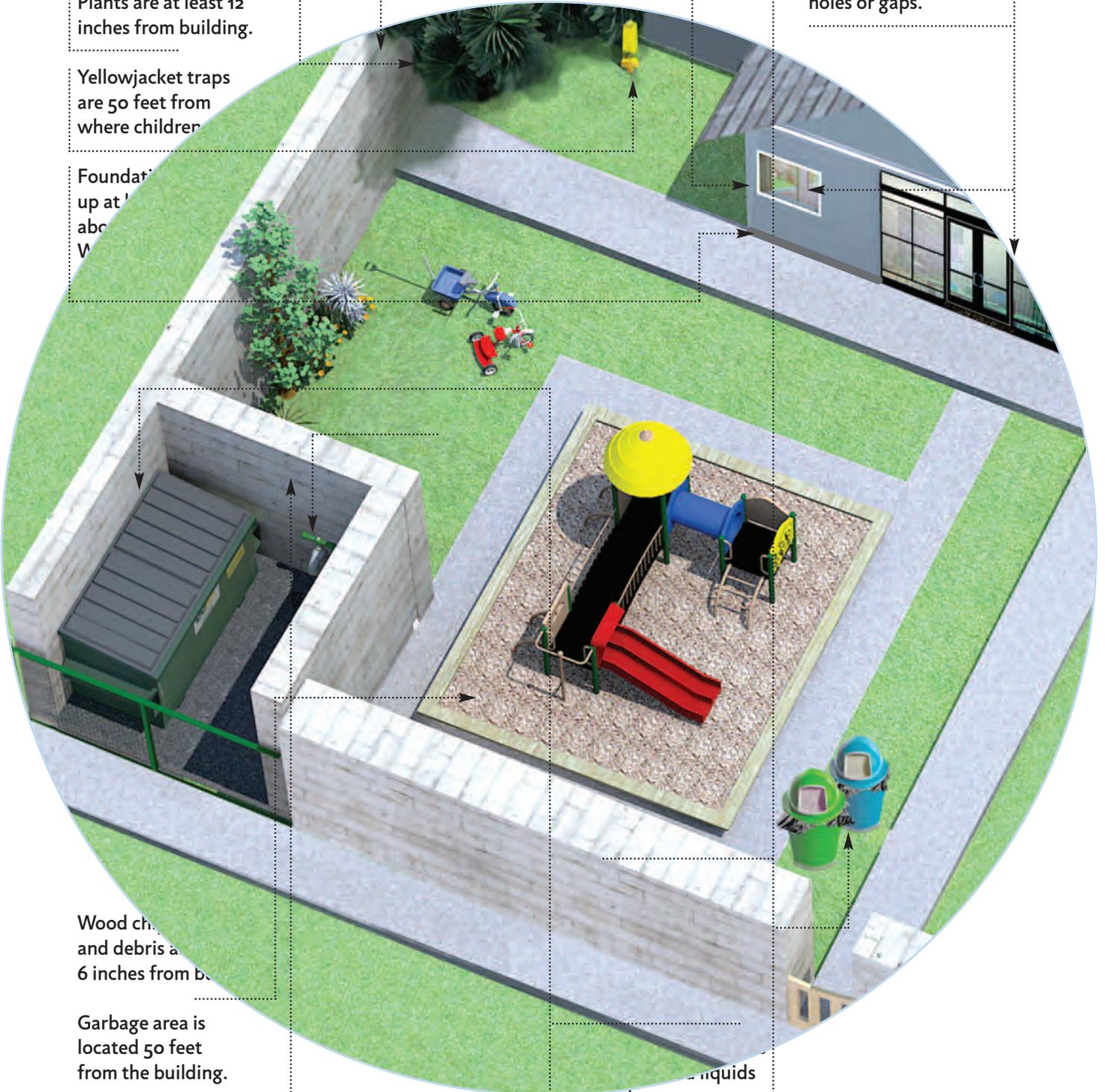
Walls and foundation are free of cracks or holes.

Garbage

Windows and doors

Close tightly.

Screens are free of holes or gaps.



Wood chips and debris are at least 6 inches from building.

Garbage area is located 50 feet from the building.

Garbage receptacles are located on a hard, cleanable surface such as concrete.

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HOW TO READ A PESTICIDE LABEL



Read the label of any pesticide to identify the name, ingredients, directions, and potential harmful effects on children and staff. The following is a quick overview of key things to look for on the label:

The precautionary statements describe potential harmful effects to people, animals or the environment.

The directions for use tell you where, when and how to use the pesticide safely. Follow these directions precisely. This section also tells you what kind of pest this product was designed to kill.

The storage and disposal instructions tell you how to store and dispose of leftover pesticides.

The Environmental Protection Agency Registration number ensures that the pesticide has been reviewed by EPA.

The Restricted Use Pesticide tells you only certified pest management professionals may use this product.

The product or brand name is prominently displayed on the front label. Brand names are different from active ingredients.

The active ingredient is the chemical that kills the pest.

Inert or other ingredients do not directly kill the pests, but instead help the active ingredients work. They may be harmful.

The first aid section tells you what to do if the product is swallowed, breathed in (inhaled), or has made contact with the skin or eyes.

The signal words such as **Caution**, **Warning**, **Danger**, or **Danger-Poison** refer to the short-term or acute effects of the active ingredient.

For more information on reading a pesticide label, see the EPA "Read the Label First" website: www.epa.gov/pesticides/label/

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