What Are Poisonous or Toxic Items?

- **Cleaners and Sanitizers** such as detergents, sanitizers, acids, polishes, and other chemicals.
- **Pesticides** such as insecticides and rodenticides.
- **Items necessary for the operation of the business** such as non-food grade lubricants. Also, personal care items such as medications, first aid supplies, and lotions.
- **Items that are not necessary for the operation of the business and are for retail sale** such as paints, lighters, and batteries.

Labeling:

- Containers of poisonous or toxic materials necessary for operational maintenance of the establishment shall be permanently and distinctly labeled in accordance with the law.
- Small working containers of bulk cleaning agents shall be individually labeled for easy identification of contents.

Storage:

- Store toxic items in a way that prevents contamination of food, equipment, utensils, linens, single-service, and single-use items.
- Never store toxic items above or next to food or food contact surfaces, regardless of packaging.
- Store cleaning supplies separate from pesticides.
- Store personal medications and first aid supplies away from food storage, preparation or service areas.