

Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2016 - 2017

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. [insert name of school or school district] has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for Upper Deerfield Township is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: William Widen, Jr.

Business Phone number: 856-455-2267

Business Address: 1385 Highway 77 Seabrook, NJ 08302

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan [insert name of school] may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

The following items must be included with this annual notice:

- **A copy of the school or school district's IPM policy.**
- **The date, time and place of any meeting if one is to be held for the purpose of adopting or modifying the school integrated pest management policy or plan.**
- **A list of pesticides that are in use or that have been used in the past 12 months on school property.**

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The New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 requires schools to implement a school integrated pest management policy. As per this policy, the Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests and minimize exposure of children, faculty, and staff to pesticides. In addition, the Board of Education shall adopt and maintain an IPM plan developed by the Superintendent/designee as part of this policy.

Definition

For the purposes of this policy, Integrated Pest Management shall be defined as a sustainable approach to managing pests by using all appropriate technology and management practices in a way that minimizes health, environmental, and economic risks. IPM includes, but is not limited to, monitoring pest populations, consumer education, and when needed, cultivation practices, sanitation, solid waste management, structural maintenance, physical, mechanical, biological and chemical controls.

Integrated Pest Management Procedures

Implementation of IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological or chemical methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

In preparing the IPM, the Superintendent will consider the full range of management options, including no action at all. Non-pesticide pest management methods are to be used whenever possible. The choice of using a pesticide shall be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not effective or not reasonable. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, low impact pesticides and methods are preferred and shall be considered for use first.

Development of IPM Plans

The school IPM plan is a blueprint of how the Upper Deerfield Township School System will manage pests through IPM methods. The IPM plan states the district's goals regarding the management of pests and the use of pesticides. It reflects the school's site-specific needs. The IPM plan shall provide a description of how each component of the school IPM policy will be implemented at the school. The Superintendent, in

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collaboration with the building Principal, shall be responsible for the development of the IPM plan for the school.

IPM Coordinator

The Superintendent shall designate an integrated pest management coordinator, who is responsible for the implementation of the school integrated pest management policy. The Board of Education shall approve the selection of the named IPM Coordinator upon recommendation of the Superintendent.

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Education /Training

All school personnel will be educated about potential pest problems and IPM methods used to achieve the pest management objectives.

The IPM Coordinator, other school staff and pesticide applicators involved with implementation of the school IPM policy will be trained in appropriate components of IPM as it pertains to the school environment.

Students, parents/guardians will be provided information on this policy and instructed on how they can contribute to the success of the IPM program.

Record keeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency and the Board of Education.

Records shall also include, but are not limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non-pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

Notification/Posting

The Superintendent, under the direction of the Board of Education, is responsible for timely notification to students' parents or guardians and the school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the School IPM Act.

Re-entry

Re-entry to a pesticide treated area shall conform to the requirements of the School IPM Act.

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Pesticide applicators

The IPM coordinator shall ensure that applicators follow state regulations, including licensing requirements and label precautions, and must comply with all components of the School IPM Policy.

Evaluation

Annually, the Superintendent will report to the Board of Education on the effectiveness of the IPM plan and make recommendations for improvement as needed.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to develop regulations/procedures for the implementation of this policy.

Legal References

NJSA 13:1F-19 through -33 "School Integrated Pest Management Act"
18A:17-49 through -52 Buildings and grounds supervisors to be certified educational facilities managers
18A:22-8 Contents of budget; program budgeting system
34:5A-1 et seq. Worker and Community Right to Know Act
34:6A-25 et seq. New Jersey Public Employees Occupational Safety and Health Act

NJAC 5:23 Barrier free subcode of the uniform construction code
6A:26-12.1 et seq. Operation and Maintenance of Facilities
6A:30-1.1 et seq. Evaluation of the Performance of School Districts
6A:32-12.1 Reporting requirements
7:30-13.1 et seq. Integrated Pest Management

The School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002

Possible Cross References

3000/3010, 3516, 7110, 9130