




School Integrated Pest Management (SIPM)


Act of 2002 (S.137/A.2841)

The ability to control school pests without using toxic chemicals are now readily available nationwide and have proven to be effective and economical. At least 20 New Jersey school districts in NJ have already adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM), including Dennis Township, Belmar, Eastern Camden County Regional, Evesham, Haddonfield, Princeton, Newark, and Hackensack.


The School Integrated Pest Management (SIPM) Act of 2002 (S.137/A.2841), with an effective date of June 12, 2004, will help put the alternatives in place, as well as notification provisions that are crucial for parent and staff involvement.


The SIPM Act requirements go beyond the “Pesticide Control Act of 1971” by:


 Requiring **public, private and charter schools to adopt a school IPM** policy considering sanitation, structural repair, mechanical, biological, cultural and pesticide strategies that minimize health and environmental risks as developed by the NJDEP and Rutgers University.


 Requiring **written notification** to all parents, students and school staff 72 hours in advance of pesticide use. **Signs must also be posted** 72 hours prior to the pesticide application and remain for an additional 72 hours after treatment has been completed (see details on reverse side).




 Providing parents and school staff ongoing access to **health and toxicity information** on all pesticides used in schools, as well as part of the advance notification materials.


 **Exempting** antimicrobials, baits, gels, pastes and low impact pesticides from the notice and posting requirement.

 Requiring **record keeping** of pesticide use, designation of an **IPM coordinator** for each district, and **annual distribution of the IPM policy and pesticides used** to all parents and school staff.

 Establishing **7-hour delay in reentry** after pesticide applications are made via baseboard spraying, broadcast spraying, dusting, tenting or fogging, unless the pesticide label specifies a specific re-entry interval.



 Requiring notification within 24 hours and explanation to parents and school staff if a school **pest emergency** requires a pesticide application.

 Requiring **notices of violation** to be sent by NJDEP, without monetary penalties being imposed on schools for failure to comply.

SIPM does not preempt a local school from adopting a policy that exceeds provisions of the act.

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