

Parental & Staff Notification:



Application of a pesticide, other than a low impact pesticide*, requires the school to provide written notice to the parent or guardian of each student and each staff member of a school 72 hours in advance of the application. The written notice may be: (a) sent home with students and provided to all staff members, (b) made by telephone call, (c) mailed one week before the application, and/or (d) sent through electronic mail.

Notice includes:

1. The common name, trade name, and USEPA registration number of the pesticide.
2. A description of the location of the application of the pesticide.
3. A description of the date and time of application, except that in the case of outdoor pesticide application, one notice shall include three dates, in chronological order, on which the outdoor pesticide application may take place if the preceding date is cancelled.
4. A statement that The Office of Pesticide Programs of the USEPA has stated: "Where possible, persons who potentially are sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid any unnecessary pesticide exposure".
5. A description of potential adverse effects of the pesticides based on the material safety data sheet (MSDS), if available, for the pesticide.
6. A description of the reason for the application of the pesticide.
7. The name and telephone number of the integrated pest management coordinator for the school or school district.
8. Any additional label instructions and precautions related to public safety.

Posting of Signs: 72 hours in advance of the application

A sign at least 8 ½ by 11 inches shall be posted adjacent to the location to be treated and at each entrance to the building or school ground to be treated. The sign shall remain for 72 hours after the treatment has been completed. In the case of an outdoor application, the sign shall include three dates, in chronological order, on which the outdoor application may take place if the preceding date is canceled due to weather.



* **The following are exempt from 72-hour advance written notice and posting:** USEPA "exempt-from-registration" pesticides, gels, pastes, baits, (indoors), disinfectants, boric acid, disodium octoborate tetrahydrate, silica gels, diatomaceous earth, Bt. and other microbe based insecticides, and botanical insecticides, not including synthetic pyrethroids, without toxic synergists: and biological, living control agents.

For IPM fact sheets and model policy:

Rutgers IPM Website: <http://www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/IPM/SchoolIPM/index.htm>

For downloadable free manuals and other materials:

New Jersey school IPM manual: www.pcpnj.org, then click on school IPM

IPM Institute of North America: www.ipminstitute.org

Beyond Pesticides "Building Blocks for School Integrated Pest Management": www.beyondpesticides.org/

For information on pesticide licensing in NJ:

NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection pesticide regulations/certification: www.state.nj.us/dep/enforcement/pcp

For assistance and general information from NJEF:

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