

Pesticide Notification, Posting and Record Keeping Requirements

The district's goal is to control pests in the buildings and on the grounds with the methods, means and materials that result in satisfactory control of pests while maintaining high standards for health and safety of students, staff and the general public. It is the intent of the Riverview School District to utilize Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) to manage pest populations to prevent unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment.

Notification:

Procedure P-6895-1 will be printed and distributed, upon request, to employees, students and parents.

At least 48 hours before the application of a pesticide to school facilities or school grounds, the district will notify interested parents/guardians of students and staff of the planned application in writing, including the heading "Notice: Pesticide Application." This notice will also be posted in a prominent place in the building office in addition to being provided to interested parents and staff. This pre-notification is not required if the school grounds or facilities will not be occupied by students for two days following the application of the pesticide. If the application is not made within 48 hours of the notification, another notification will be made prior to the application. This pre-notification is not required in the case of any emergency application of pesticides to a school facility, such as an application to control stinging pests, but full notification will be made as soon as possible after the application.

Posting:

At the time of application to school grounds by school employees, notification signs will be placed at the location of the application and at each primary point of entry to the school grounds. The signs will be a minimum of 4" x 5" and will include the words: "THIS LANDSCAPE HAS BEEN RECENTLY SPRAYED OR TREATED WITH PESTICIDES BY YOUR SCHOOL" as the headline and "FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL" (all capital letters) as the footer. The footer will provide the name and telephone number of a contact person at the school.

Notification signs for applications made to school facilities other than school grounds will be posted at the location of the application. The signs will be a minimum of 8.5" x 11" in size and will include the heading "Notice: Pesticide Application" and, at a minimum, will state: product name, date and time and specific location of the application, the pest for which the application was made, and a contact name and telephone number.

Notification signs will be printed in colors contrasting to the background. Notification signs will remain in place for at least twenty-four (24) hours from the time the application is completed or longer if required by the label of the pesticide.

These notices are not required for the application of antimicrobial pesticides (substances used to sanitize or disinfect for microbial pests: viruses, bacteria, algae, and protozoa). These notices are not required for the placement of insect or rodent bait that are not accessible to children.

Record Keeping:

The district will comply with all legal requirements for record keeping regarding the application of pesticides to school grounds or school facilities. This includes creation of an annual summary report of pesticide usage and compliance with state department of agriculture rules regarding record keeping. Such records will be available on request by interested persons under the state Public Records Act and other laws.

Pesticide Management:

The IPM Coordinator (Maintenance/Operations Supervisor or his designee) will oversee pest management for the district. The IPM Coordinator is responsible for evaluating and approving pesticide usage, certification and training of applicators, maintaining and evaluating records to ensure IPM principals are being followed as per the intent of the program and to otherwise review the IPM program and evaluate its effectiveness.

Only pesticides registered with the US EPA and Washington State Department of Agriculture will be allowed for purchase by the District. Current MSDS sheets will be maintained in the Maintenance Department Office for all chemicals on hand or applied within the past 12 months. Applicators must carry current MSDS sheets with them at the time of all applications of pesticides. There must be a current MSDS sheet in the vehicle for all chemicals being transported.

- No pesticide will be purchased or otherwise brought on to district site by anyone other than authorized Maintenance Department staff.

- Only chemicals pre-approved (see Attachment A) are allowed for possession or use within the district. Any new chemical must be pre-approved by the IPM Coordinator prior to its purchase or use within the district.
- Only the pesticides that present the least danger in application will be purchased for any specific intended use.
- All pesticides will be stored in the approved chemical storage room at the Maintenance Department. No chemical will be left in vehicles or spray equipment outside of this room.
- All pesticides will be applied by licensed district employees and in some cases licensed contractors.

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