

SCHOOL DISTRICT 91 PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Structural and landscape pests can pose significant hazards to people, property and the environment. Pesticides can also pose hazards to people, property and the environment. It is therefore the practice of this School District to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for control of structural and landscape pests.

Pests

Pests are populations of living organisms (animal, plants or microorganisms) that interfere with the human purposes for the school site. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by the pest species and any threat they pose to people, property or the environment.

Pest Management Pests will be managed to:

Integrated Pest Management Procedures

IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural or biological means. IPM practitioners depend on current, comprehensive information on the pest and its environment and the best available pest control methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property and environment.

The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options alone are not acceptable or not feasible. Selected non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible. It is the practice of this School District to utilize IPM principles to manage pest populations adequately. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be considered.

When it is determined that a pesticide must be used to meet important management goals, the least hazardous material will be chosen. The application of such pesticides is subject to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (7 USC 136 et seq.), School District procedures, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) regulations in 40 CFR, Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, and state and local regulations.

IPM Program Administration

The Director of Buildings and Grounds will be the designated IPM Program Coordinator. All communication from district staff and technicians performing pest control services shall be routed thru the Buildings and Grounds Office.

Record-keeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained at the District 91 Buildings and Grounds Office to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency and School Board. Records must be current and accurate if IPM is to work. Additionally, pest surveillance data sheets, which record the number of pests or other indicators of pest populations, are to be maintained to verify the need for treatments.

Notification

All parents and staff members shall be made aware of the District's Integrated Pest Management Plan in two ways, i.e.; Via A Parent Square Broadcast and on the District's Building and Grounds website page.

Pesticide Storage and Purchase

District 91's Pest Control Contractors will not be allowed to store pesticides on school district property. If District 91 decided to provide pest control service with its own staff in the future then pesticide purchases will be limited to the amount authorized for available use during the year. Pesticides will be stored and disposed of in accordance with the US EPA-registered label directions and state regulations. Pesticides must be stored in an appropriate, secure site not accessible to students or unauthorized personnel.

Pesticide Applicator

Pesticide applicators must be educated and trained in the principles and practices of IPM and the use of pesticides approved by this School District, and they must follow regulations and label precautions. The School District requires that applicators be certified and comply with this School District IPM plan.