



**NEW FAIRFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Buildings and Grounds**  
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**Summary of Our Integrated Pest Management Program**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The New Fairfield Board of Education has adopted an integrated pest management (IPM) policy for pest control within the building (s) and on the grounds of New Fairfield High School, New Fairfield Middle School, Meeting House Hill School and Consolidated School. IPM utilizes all available pest control methods such as sanitation, structural maintenance and exclusion, maintaining proper soil pH, fertility and moisture, trapping and/or biological controls along with the judicious use of pesticides to maintain pest populations has been identified through periodic monitoring, and alternative methods of control have not been effective. The least toxic pesticide would be used first.

Pesticide applications will not be performed within any building or on the grounds of the school during regular school hours or during planned activities unless an emergency application is necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health. When this occurs, all children and staff will be removed from the area and not allowed to return until it is safe to do so according to the pesticide label.

For a look at our complete IPM policy, please refer to the school website.

Parents, guardians and staff who would like to be notified of pesticide applications may register with the school by contacting Phil Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds, by phone at (203) 312-5779 or by e-mail at [ross.phil@newfairfieldschools.org](mailto:ross.phil@newfairfieldschools.org). Please provide Mr. Ross with your preferred method of receiving the required information: telephone, e-mail, etcetera.

Registrants will be notified of pesticide applications on or before the date of application by your preferred method of receiving the required information. Notification will include (1) the name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied, (2) the location of the application on school property, (3) the date of the application, and (4) the name of the school administrator or a designee who may be contacted for further information.

Registrants will be notified of any emergency pesticide applications that are made to eliminate an immediate threat to human health by your preferred method of receiving the required information.

Notice will be sent to any person who registers to be notified if there is any revision or modification to the integrated pest management (IPM) plan.

Sincerely,

Philip Ross, Director of Buildings and Grounds