

Integrated Pest Management

M.S.A.D. #49 has developed this Pest Management Program to reduce the significant problems to people, property and the environment that pests can pose. For the purpose of assuring the public, employees and students who spend a great deal of time in our schools that the policy of M.S.A.D. #49 is to reduce the reliance on pesticides and to incorporate low risk control options.

Procedures

Plans will be developed for each building located on school property that may experience pest problems. These plans will incorporate IPM and outline specific management tactics. The plan must incorporate the most economical and least hazardous combination of cultural, physical, biological, and/or chemical controls to prevent unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage.

Non-chemical pest management methods will be used whenever possible. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used the least hazardous material and method of application will be chosen. Pesticide applications will be timed to minimize their impact on school grounds. All pesticides will be handled according to State and Federal Law.

IPM Coordinator

The School Board will appoint an IPM Coordinator responsible for overseeing implementation of the IPM policy and site plans.

Record Keeping

Records shall be maintained on site and meet the requirements of the Maine Board of Pesticides Control.

Notification/ Posting

A notice will be provided to school staff, students and parents at the beginning of each school year briefly explaining the school's pesticide use policy. The notice will indicate that pesticides may be used both indoors and outdoors, as needed. The school will provide notification of pesticide applications at least 48 hours before pesticides are applied, with the exception of instances that require immediate action.

Pesticide Storage and Purchase

Pesticide purchases will be limited to the amount needed for use during the year. Pesticides will be stored in an appropriate, secure site that is not accessible to students or unauthorized personnel and disposed of in accordance with label directions and state regulations.

Pesticide Applicators

Any person applying pesticides on school grounds will be trained in the principles and practices of IPM and licensed by the state to apply pesticides. Applicators must follow state regulations and label precautions and must comply with the School IPM Policy and pest management site plans.

Statutory Authority: Title 7 MRSA Subchapter 2A SS601-625
Title 22 MRSA Chapter 258A SS14-A-X

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