

Pesticide Application Notification

In May 2010, New York State enacted Chapter 85 of the Laws of 2010, a new law containing limitations regarding pesticide use on playing field, playgrounds at schools and day care centers. Schools and day care centers are prohibited from using pesticides on playgrounds (including playground equipment, turf, athletic or playing fields and all school grounds). This rule does not apply to indoor use of pesticides or pesticide applications to buildings or structures (e.g. school buildings, garages). (NYSDEC Summary of Pesticide Prohibition Requirements and Pesticide Alternatives- Dec. 22, 2010). Pesticides may be applied outdoors for emergencies only.

Westfield Central School District practices IPM (Integrated Pest Management), which is an environmentally responsible method of pest control that utilizes education and specific work practices. In the event of potential pesticide use, NYS Education Law - 409-H requires all public, non-public schools and BOCES to provide written notification 48 hours prior to application to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff. Written notification is required periodically throughout the school year and during the summer. At this time, no pesticide applications are scheduled or expected.

Westfield Academy and Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour written notification of certain pesticide applications. If you desire, we will place your name on a list of individuals who will receive 48-hour prior notification of a pesticide application. Please submit your name to the superintendent's office.

The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours, following application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;

- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour notification list.

Westfield Academy and Central Schools
Request for Pesticide Application Notification

(please print)

School Building:

Name:

Address:

Day Phone:

Evening Phone:

E-Mail Address: