

Pesticide Notification, Posting and Record Keeping



PESTICIDE USE

The Prescott School District is required by law to notify all concerned about the district's use of pesticides. Below is a listing of all products used, including both pesticides and herbicides. There are material data safety sheets available in the district office.

TEMPO 2 (Pyrethroid Insecticide) - used for the control of insects as needed. Liquid-clear, amber colored, with a very distinctive odor.

SPRAYON BLAST'EM WASP AND HORNET KILLER (Piperonyl butoxide, permethrin, tetramethrin)- used for the control of insects as needed (insecticide). Liquid-applied from an aerosol can.

2-4-D (Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, dimethylamine salt)- used for the control of weeds in lawns, applied as needed (herbicide). Liquid-applied with a sprayer.

ROUNDUP (Glyphosate)- used to kill weeds, applied as needed. This liquid product is combined with water and applied using a sprayer (herbicide).

Appropriate precautions are used for the application of all chemicals, including posting of notices, and insuring that the public is not scheduled to be in attendance.

In addition to the products used above, the district uses fertilizer to promote the health of the lawns. This product is applied twice a year, early in the spring, and late in the fall. This product is applied in pellet form.

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION, POSTING AND RECORD KEEPING REQUIREMENTS

Procedure 6895P

This procedure should include a description of what pesticides may be regularly applied in the district and where the pesticides are likely to be applied. Each district needs to add this information here for itself. The state department of agriculture also suggests that the procedure include whether district employees or contractors apply pesticides in the district.

The District shall 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.

Procedure 6895 shall be printed and distributed annually in employee handbooks and student handbooks to employees, students and parents at the start of the school year or when an employee begins work or a student enrolls.

At least 48 hours before the application of a pesticide to school facilities or school grounds, the District shall notify parents and staff of the planned application in writing, including the heading, "Notice: Pesticide Application." This notice shall be posted in a prominent place in the building office in

addition to being provided to 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 shall 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 shall be made as soon as possible after the application.

Following the application of a pesticide to school facilities (structures and vehicles) a sign shall be posted at the location of the application. The notice shall be at least 8.5x11 inches in size, shall include the heading, "Notice of Pesticide Application," and shall state the product name; date, time and specific location of the application; the pest for which the application was made; and a contact name and telephone number. The notice shall remain posted for 24 hours, or longer if required by the label of the pesticide.

Following the application of a pesticide to school grounds notice shall be posted at the location of the application and at each primary point of entry to the grounds. The notice shall be at least 4x5 inches in size and state that the landscape recently has been treated with a pesticide and provide a contact name and telephone number. The notice shall remain posted for 24 hours, 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.

Policy No. 6895

Management Support

The superintendent is directed to develop procedures to assure that the District complies with the requirements of law regarding pesticide notification, posting and record keeping. This includes procedures for the annual notification of staff and parents of the District's pest control policies and methods; pre-notification of staff and parents of pesticide applications; posting of sites of pesticide applications; and record keeping, including an annual summary report of pesticide usage.

Legal References: RCW 17.21 Pesticide Application Act