

MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT #33

Integrated Pest Management Program

Maine School Administrative District No. 33 uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program to control structural and landscape pests. The IPM program is a systematic approach to pest management that combines a variety of methods for managing pests including monitoring, improved horticultural, sanitation and food storage practices, pest exclusion and removal, biological control, and pesticide application. The objective of the program is to provide effective pest control using the least toxic methods possible.

Appointment of IPM Coordinator

The superintendent will appoint an IPM coordinator who will be the primary contact person for pest control matters and for overseeing the implementation of appropriate pest management techniques. The IPM coordinator will consult with the building principal before a decision is made to apply pesticides (for which notice is required). The IPM coordinator will also conduct routine inspections to identify the presence of pests that could become potential problems and will determine when and what kind of action should be taken.

Pesticide Applications

Prior to any pesticide application, the following steps must be taken and recorded:

1. Monitor for pest presence or conditions conducive to a pest outbreak;
2. Identify the specific pest;
3. Determine if the pest population exceeds acceptable safety, economic, or aesthetic threshold levels; and
4. Utilize non-pesticide control measures that have been demonstrated to be practicable, effective, and affordable.

If a pesticide application is deemed necessary, the applicator must be licensed, must take into account the toxicity of the recommended products, and must choose the least toxic products, based on efficacy, the potential for exposure, the signal word on the pesticide label, the material safety data sheet, other toxicology data, and any other label language indicating special problems, such as toxicology to wildlife or likelihood of contaminating surface or ground water. Applications should be planned to occur on weekends or during vacations to allow maximum time for sprays to dry and vapors to dissipate. Applications must not be conducted when people are in the immediate area being treated. All applications must be conducted in accordance with all applicable Board of Pesticides Control rules and regulations.

Notification

A notice will be provided to staff, students, and parents/guardians within the first two (2) weeks of the school year indicating that the District uses an Integrated Pest Management program to control structural and landscape pests which may include pesticide applications, when deemed necessary. The annual notice will also indicate where this policy may be reviewed, how notification will be made should pesticides be applied, and where records and related

documentation (Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools) of pesticide use can be reviewed.

When required by the Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools regulations, the school will notify all staff, students, and parents/guardians at least five (5) days in advance of planned pesticide applications in the school or on school grounds, including playgrounds and playing fields.

When required by the Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools regulations, signs will be posted at each point of access to the treated area and in a common area of the school in accordance with applicable Board of Pesticides Control rules and regulations.

Recordkeeping

When a pesticide has been used, records pertinent to the application, including labels and material safety data sheets, will be maintained at the superintendent's office for a period of two (2) years following application. Records are to be completed on the day the pesticide is applied. These records, along with a copy of *Chapter 27 Board of Pesticides Control Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools*, may be reviewed at the superintendent's office during regular business hours by contacting the office at 543-7334.

Legal Reference: 7 MRSA § 601 – 625
 22 MRSA §1471A – 1471X
 Chapter 27 Board of Pesticides Control (Standards for Pesticide
 Applications and Public Notification in Schools)

Cross Reference: ECB-E1 Notice of Planned Pesticide Application

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