

BUSINESS NON-INSTRUCTION OPERATIONS

PESTICIDE APPLICATION POLICY- INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Definitions

“Integrated pest management plan” means use of all available pest control techniques including judicious use of pesticides, when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level, while decreasing the unnecessary use of pesticides. It is a plan consistent with an applicable model plan provided by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection pursuant to Connecticut state law.

“Pesticide” means a fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, a herbicide or a rodenticide but does not mean a sanitizer, disinfectant, antimicrobial agent or a pesticide bait.

“Lawn care pesticide” means a pesticide registered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and labeled pursuant to the federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act for use in lawn, garden and ornamental sites or areas.

“Restricted use pesticide” means any pesticide or pesticide use classified as restricted by the administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or by the State of Connecticut’s Commissioner of Environmental Protection.

Annual Notification of Pesticide Application Policy

At the beginning of each school year, the staff at each school shall be provided with written guidelines on how the integrated pest management plan is to be implemented. At the same time, parents or guardians of each student will be provided with a statement that shall summarize the integrated pest management plan for the school. Such statement will be provided to the parents or guardian of any child who transfers to the school district during the school year. Such statement shall also indicate that the staff, parents or guardians may register for prior notice of pesticide applications at the school and shall describe the emergency notification procedures.

Registration for Prior Notice of Pesticide Applications

The staff of each school, and the parents or guardians of each child enrolled in each school may register for prior notice of pesticide applications at their school. Each school shall maintain a registry or persons requesting prior notice of pesticide applications.

The notice shall include 1) the name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied to the target test; 2) the location of the application on the school property; 3) the date of the application; and 4) the name of the school administrator or designee who may be contacted for further information. Notice shall be provided by any means practicable on or before the day that any application of pesticide is to take place at a school. Any modification of the integrated pest management plan shall be sent to any person who registers for notice.

Emergency Application of Pesticide

No application of pesticide may be made to any school or on the grounds of any school during regular school hours or during planned activities at any school except that an emergency application may be made to eliminate an immediate threat to human health if (1) it is necessary to make the application during that period, and (2) such emergency application does not involve a restricted-use pesticide. No child may enter an area where an application has been made until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label. If an immediate threat to human health necessitates an emergency application of pesticide, notice will be given by any means practicable to those who register for prior notice on or before the day that the emergency application takes place..

Records of Pesticide Applications

The copies of the records of each pesticide application at a school shall be maintained at the school for a period of five years. Such information shall include pesticide label information such as the product name and registration number, the manufacturer, the active ingredients, the signal word, an emergency phone number, if listed, and any precautionary statements, including statements on environmental hazards, human and animal hazards, emergency treatment and reentry.

Additional Limitations

Consistent with state law, no person, other than a pesticide applicator with supervisory certification under Connecticut General Statutes § 22a-54 or a pesticide applicator with operational certification under § 22a-54 under the direct supervision of a supervisory

pesticide applicator, may apply pesticide within any building or on the grounds of any school, other than a regional vocational agriculture center. This section shall not apply in the case of an emergency application of pesticide to eliminate an immediate threat to human health where it is impractical to obtain the services of any such applicator provided such emergency application does not involve a restricted use pesticide.

No person shall apply a lawn care pesticide on the grounds of any preschool or school with students in grade eight or lower, except that an emergency application of a lawn care pesticide may be made to eliminate a threat to human health, as determined by the local health director, the Commissioner of Public Health, the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or the Superintendent of Schools.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes:

§10-231a Pesticide application at schools- Definitions

§10-231b Pesticide applications at schools, authorized applicators

§10-231d Pesticide applications at schools

§22a-47(cc) Definitions

§22a-66a(a)(2) Notification of the application of pesticides