

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian or Staff Member:

Legislation was passed in 1998 which requires public schools to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) systems and to develop parental and staff notification programs by the 1999-2000 school year for any school that applies pesticides in school buildings during the school year. In addition, legislation was passed in 1999 which requires public schools to expand the IPM system to include parental and staff notification for any pesticide applications made to school grounds during the school year.



At the beginning of each school year, each school must notify all parents/guardians, staff and new students at their school, about the Wicomico County Board of Education Integrated Pest Management System.

A. *What is the Integrated Pest Management System?*

Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, is a system of controlling pests that does not depend on automatic application of pesticides. Instead, pests are monitored by regular and careful inspections. The inspections also identify conditions contributing to pest problems. It is then decided what actions are necessary, if any, based on the biology and habits of the pests involved. Priority is given to non-chemical pest management techniques, particularly those that can prevent a recurrence of the problem. Pesticides are used when necessary, but only in a way that minimizes potential exposure to people and the environment. Records are kept to track problems, prevent recurrences, and evaluate the results of pest management actions.

B. *What are the names of the pesticides and bait stations that may be used on school property. This includes but is not limited to:*



Fipronil	Hydroprene	Indoxacarb	Dithiopyr
Boric Acid	Pyrethrin	Propoxur	Trifuralin
Deltamethrin	Cyfluthrin	Imidacloprid	Isoxaben
Abamectin B1	Allethrin	Amorphous Silica	Imazapyr
Brodifacoum	Permethrin	Cyhalothrin	Glyphosate
Chlorfenapyr	Methoprene	Isopropylamine salt	Piperonyl

Remember, it would not be unusual for an unanticipated pest problem to arise during the school year that could warrant the use of a pesticide that is not listed above. In addition, if a new, less, toxic product became available and was a better alternative the WCBOE would opt to use it.

C. *Who is the person that I may call if I have any questions?*

Mr. David Fulton
Environmental/Safety Specialist
Facility Services Department
Wicomico County Board of Education
(410) 677-4593

Mr. Fulton, identified above as the contact person, will also have the product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for all pesticides and bait stations that are listed above. In addition, product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for any newly introduced pesticides not currently included on the pesticide list but used on school property will also be kept by Mr. Fulton. This information is also available at Facility Services Department, Wicomico County Board of Education, 900 Mt Hermon Road, Salisbury, Maryland 21804, and it is available for your review during normal working hours.

Each Middle School and High School shall develop a pesticide notification list of each student, staff and parent/guardian who requests in writing to have prior notification of a pesticide application during the school year. A list of these individuals will be maintained at your school's office and at the Board of Education Facility Services. Further questions and additional information can be obtained by contacting Mr. David Fulton, Environmental/Safety Specialist at (410) 677-4593.

We understand that certain individuals may have conditions that could be aggravated by the pesticides listed above. If you are affected by any of these pesticides and want to be notified at least 24 hours before each application, please complete the Chemical Sensitivity Registry below and return it to your school.

(Not Required)
CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY REGISTRY

Date: _____ School Name: _____

Student's (Staff) Name: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Telephone Number: _____