

Business/Non-Instructional Operations

Hazardous Material in Schools

Pesticide Application

The intent of this policy is to ensure that students, employees and parents/guardians receive adequate notice, in conformity with applicable statutes, prior to pesticide application in school buildings and on school grounds. Further, the Stafford Public Schools will only employ State of Connecticut licensed and certified pesticide applicators for any non-emergency pesticide use in school buildings or on school grounds.

The Stafford Public Schools shall:

- Provide notice of planned pesticide application to students, parents/guardians and employees in the manner required by law.
- Post the areas scheduled to receive pesticide application(s).
- Maintain written records for five years of all pesticide applications.
- Provide continuing instruction to those students who, based upon written medical request, find it necessary to absent themselves during the period of application.
- Inform annually parents/guardians and staff of the Stafford Public Schools' pest application/management policy.
- Establish a registry of parents/guardians and staff who want to receive advance notice of all pesticide use and provide such notice as required by law.

Pest control applicators employed by the Stafford Public Schools shall provide the Director of Building Services with notice at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date and time the pesticide application is to occur, including in such notice the following information:

- The brand name, rate of application and any use restrictions required by the label.
- The areas where the pesticide is to be applied.
- The date and time the application is to occur.
- The pesticide label and the material safety data sheet.

In case of pesticide applications performed for or by public health agencies or emergency applications because of immediate threat to the public health, the licensed applicator shall give the school site office oral and, if possible, written notice, with posting of the area to be treated. The Superintendent or his/her designee may require the pest control applicator to make the required postings in accordance with all applicable statutes and Stafford Public Schools pesticide management plan. The name and address of the applicator shall be a part of any posting.

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By statute, the application of lawn care pesticides is banned. Furthermore, effective January 1, 2006, lawn care pesticides may be applied on playing fields and playgrounds of elementary schools that do not have a preschool according to an integrated pest management plan (IPM). Integrated pest management uses all available pest control techniques, including the judicious use of pesticides when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level while decreasing the unnecessary use of pesticides. Effective July 1, 2010, the application of lawn care pesticides on the grounds of schools with students in grade eight or lower is completely prohibited, except in case of emergency. An emergency application may be made to eliminate a human health threat in any school with students through grade eight as determined by the Superintendent of Schools.

Pesticide purchases shall be limited to amounts authorized by the Superintendent or his/her designee for use during the year. Pesticides shall be stored in a secure site not accessible to students or unauthorized staff. They shall be stored and disposed of in accordance with EPA registered label directions and applicable State of Connecticut statutes.

The Superintendent shall prepare and disseminate a "Pesticide Management Plan" for the implementation of this policy

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes
 22a-46. Short title: Connecticut Pesticide Control Act.
 22a-54. Pesticide applicators, certification, classification, notice, fees, reciprocity; financial responsibility; aircraft, tree, public employee applicators.
 22a-58. Records to be kept by distributors and applicators.
 23-61a. Definitions. Tree protection examining Board within Department of Consumer Protection. Regulations.
 23-61b. Licensing for arboriculture; examination; fees; renewal; suspension, revocation. Nonresidents. Records. Pesticides.
 Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) 7 U.S. Code 136 et seq.
 PA 05-252 An Act Concerning Pesticides at Daycare Facilities
 10-231b. Pesticide applications at schools: Authorized applicators. Exception. (as amended by PA 09-56)
 10-231c. Pesticide applications at schools without an integrated pest management plan.

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Pesticide Management Plan

Purpose

This pesticide management plan is designed to assure proper control of any pesticides or other harmful chemicals which might be used or stored at Stafford Public Schools facilities. The intent is to prevent unnecessary exposure of staff, students, and the public to potentially harmful substances.

Definitions

Emergency use An application of pesticides necessary to eliminate an immediate threat to human health where it is impractical to obtain the services of a licensed pesticide applicator.

Pesticide A fungicide used on plants, an insecticide, a herbicide, or a rodenticide excluding sanitizers, disinfectants, antimicrobial agents, and pesticide baits.

Lawn Care Pesticide A pesticide registered by the EPA and labeled according to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, for lawn, garden and ornamental use.

Restricted use Pesticides classified by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency or the State of Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection under Connecticut General Statute 22a-47 which may present a hazard to the applicator or other people by reason of acute dermal or inhalation toxicity or which may have an unreasonable adverse effect on the environment.

Integrated Pest Management The use of all available pest control techniques, including the judicious use of pesticides when warranted to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level while decreasing the unnecessary use of pesticides.

General Procedures

1. The Director of Maintenance will be the contact person for providing information regarding pesticide applications, including oral and written notifications, and for maintaining records.

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General Procedures (continued)

2. Restricted use pesticides will only be applied by a State of Connecticut licensed pesticide applicator.
3. At the beginning of each school year, the Board of Education will provide the staff of each school and the parents/guardians of each child enrolled in each school with a written statement of the Board's policy on pesticide applications and a description of any pesticide applications made at the school during the previous school year. Such statements and descriptions will also be provided to the parents/guardians of any child who transfers to a school during the school year. The statement will indicate to staff, parents, and guardians that they may register for prior notice of school pesticide applications and notice of emergency pesticide applications.
4. Each school will maintain a registry of persons requesting notification of pesticide applications.
5. The records of each pesticide application at a school will be maintained for five (5) years.
6. All pesticides will be chosen for low levels of human toxicity. The least toxic formulations and safest methods of application will be selected when there is a choice of products with comparable effectiveness. Non-chemical controls will be used wherever practical.
7. Storage of pesticides on school property will be kept to a minimum. Only enough product for a given application will be purchased. Storage instructions on labels will be followed. All such products and the application equipment will be stored away from other activities and from food products or occupied rooms. All storage facilities will be maintained as a locked area and will be clearly marked as containing pesticides.
8. All pesticide products will have complete label instructions, will remain in the original container, and will have a material safety data sheet on file in a readily available location to any employee who must handle the product or who may have been exposed to the product. The information will be made available to the public upon request.
9. All pesticide applications will be made in strict conformance with the label instructions.
10. A written plan for the application of a pesticide will be filed in the Business Office and be approved by the Director of Building Services before any pesticide application. The plan will contain the purpose of the application, product to be used, formulation of the product, location and extent of area to be treated, date and time of application, and amount of the product to be applied. Warnings that would restrict use of the area following such application will be included and will be appropriately posted to notify the public.

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Non-Emergency Procedures

1. Only State of Connecticut licensed and certified pesticide applicators will be used for any non-emergency pesticide use in school buildings or on school grounds. Effective January 1, 2006, non-emergency application of lawn care pesticides on playing fields and playgrounds at elementary schools with preschools is banned. Effective that same date, lawn care pesticides may be applied on playing fields and playgrounds of elementary schools according to an integrated pest management (IPM) plan. Effective July 1, 2010, the application of lawn care pesticides on the grounds of all elementary schools is completely prohibited, except in case of emergency.
2. The pesticide application plan for non-emergency applications will be approved at least seventy-two (72) hours before the planned application.
3. Before any non-emergency application of pesticides within any school building or on school grounds where it is prohibited by law, the parents/guardians who have registered for notification will receive a written notice by mail no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the application. Staff who have registered for such notice will be notified by any means practicable. The notice will include the (1) name of the active ingredient of the pesticide to be applied, (2) target pest, (3) location of the application, (4) date of application, (5) name of the school administrator who may be contacted for further information.
4. Oral notification to all students and school employees will be provided by means of the school public address system, assembly communications, staff meeting announcements or any similar means reasonably expected to provide a twenty-four hour (24) notice in advance of any non-emergency pesticide application.
5. Not less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to application, signs will be posted to identify pesticide application areas. The signs will display the words "Warning Pesticides", the date and time of the planned application, the pesticide to be used, instructions on when areas may be used for recreational purposes, and a telephone number for the school contact person and for the licensed pesticide applicator. The signs will be placed at the main entrance to the school and at playing fields where pesticide is to be applied. The signs will remain in place for at least forty-eight (48) hours after the pesticide is applied.
6. Non-emergency applications will not be carried out during regular school hours or during planned activities at the school.

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Emergency Procedures

1. Emergency use of pesticides by school or town employees will not involve a restricted use pesticide.
2. On or before the day of emergency use of a pesticide, registered parents/guardians will be notified by the method indicated on their registration. Registered staff will be notified by any means practicable.
3. Students will not be allowed to enter the area of emergency application until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.

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Pesticide Management Policy

Date _____

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- Inform parents/guardians and staff of the pesticide management policy.
- Employ only State of Connecticut licensed and certified pesticide applicators for any non-emergency pesticide use in school buildings or on school grounds.

During the past school year, the following pesticides were used or applied at the (insert school name]:

[insert list]

Please return the form below if you wish to be notified in advance of any planned application of pesticides at you school or on your school grounds.

[insert return address]

Please add my name to the pesticide notification registry.

Name:

Address for non-emergency notifications:

Method to be used for emergency notifications:
(choose only one)

phone:

fax:

e-mail:

other:

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PESTICIDE APPLICATION PLAN

Date of planned application: _____ Day of week: _____

(It is recommended for application to occur on a weekend or during a vacation period.)

Which pesticide (s) will be used? (Attach MSDSA if available)

(Choose for safety and effectiveness.)

Location/size of area(s) to be treated:

Who will do the pest control? (circle one) Staff Contractor

Name (s) _____

License number (s) _____

Firm (if applicable) _____

For interior treatment:

Does the building have active ventilation that can be left on after the application? _____

If not, who is responsible for opening windows at least six (6) hours before staff and students reenter? _____

For all applications:

Who will post the building or treated grounds with (1) date of application; (2) pesticide used; and (3) when the area can be used again? _____

Will pesticides be stored on school grounds? ____ YES ____ NO

If "YES" where : _____

(Read label carefully!)

Keep all pesticides locked up and away from occupied areas.

Approved by school/district administrator: _____ Date: _____

School nurse _____ informed _____

Other (s) _____ informed _____