

School Pest Management Board of Education Wrightstown Community School District

The Wrightstown Community School District is committed to ensuring a safe and healthy environment for staff, students, and community members. As part of the Indoor Environmental Management Plan, the district is committed to protecting employees and students through a pest management plan for the control of structure and landscape pests. The objective of this management plan is to provide necessary pest control while minimizing pesticide use.

This District will manage pests to reduce any potential human health hazard or threat to public safety, prevent loss or damage to school structures or property, prevent pests from spreading into the community, or to plant and animal populations beyond the site, and to enhance the quality of life for students, staff, and others.

The Director of Building and Grounds will record all pest sightings by school staff and students, record all District pesticide use, meet with the PCO to share information on what pest problems are present in the school, assure that all of the PCO's recommendations on maintenance and sanitation are carried out where feasible, assure that any pesticide use is done when school is not in session or when the area can be completely secured against access by school staff and students and evaluate the District's pest management plan.

Any person applying pesticides on school grounds must be bonded, trained, and knowledgeable in the principles and practices of integrated pest management. Any use of pesticides must be approved by the Director of Building and Grounds. Applicators must comply with state regulations, label precautions and District Management Plan. When pesticide use is necessary, Director of Building and Grounds must approve the pesticide for the school use. Extreme caution in the application and use of all control measures must be taken at all times.

A notice will be provided to school staff, students, and parents at the beginning of each year briefly explaining the school's pesticide use policy. It will indicate that pesticides may be used both indoors and outdoors, as needed. Signs communicating that a pesticide has been applied in an area will be posted for 72 hours as notice. The school will provide, to the extent possible, notification of pending pesticide use to persons requesting the information.

Records of pesticide use will be maintained on site for two years. Records will be completed on the day of pesticide use. In addition, pest surveillance records will be maintained to help verify the need for pesticide treatment.

References: Indoor Environmental Quality Plan (#7300); Hazardous Materials (#7310)

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