

**Tools for Schools (TFS)/Indoor Air Quality (IAQ)
Updates
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Stop Being Such a Pest

Did you know...that improperly stored foods, food crumbs and spills from eating in schools are open invitations to rodents and other pests? Where food items are necessary, permitted and stored by teachers and staff (as approved by a building administrator), the food must be stored in locking, sealed plastic or metal containers. Plastic bags, such as Ziplock Bags, baggies, plastic wrap or the original paper or plastic bags that snacks come in are not appropriate food storage containers as they can be eaten through. These food storage requirements do not apply to student and staff snacks and lunches that are brought to school and consumed on the same day. However, when eating in classrooms at snack time, it is very important to for students and staff to clean up their crumbs and spills immediately and for the custodial staff to empty trash bags daily. This decreases the conditions for rodents, ants and other pests to want to enter the building.

For more information on the TFS/IAQ Policies and Procedures go to www.westport.k12.ct.us under District, Tools for Schools, IAQ Improvement Procedures.