



GREENWICH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff:

Connecticut implemented State Legislation to reduce, to the greatest extent possible, the number of pesticides and herbicides used in and around public schools in July of 2000. The Greenwich Public Schools Board of Education has a current policy regarding the implementation and administration of a district-wide integrated pest management program (IPM program). Legislation was later passed that restricts the use of herbicides on school grounds in grades K through 8.

A summary of the legislation follows:

- At the beginning of each school year parents or guardians of children in any school and school staff may register for prior notice of pesticide application at their school. Each school shall maintain a registry of persons requesting such notice. Prior to providing for any application of pesticide within a building or on the grounds of any school, the local or regional board of education shall provide for the transmittal of notice, by electronic mail notice must be received no later than 24 hours prior to such application.

OUR IPM POLICY SUMMARY:

- Monthly, proactive pest control services at all Greenwich Public Schools.
- Subsequent service calls will be performed as needed depending upon pest pressure.
- Pesticides in schools and on school grounds will only be applied by a State certified Pest Control applicator.
- Monthly services are for target pests such as: roaches, rodents and pavement ants.
- Service call/monitoring inspections will be limited to the interior of the school facilities including locker rooms, janitorial closets, kitchens, boiler rooms, mechanical rooms, electrical rooms, basements (plus classrooms, gymnasiums and common areas as needed) and the perimeter of the building unless pest activity or sightings in other areas have been reported in the pest sighting log.
- Pesticides are to be utilized on an as needed basis only, rather than the traditional periodic treatment approach. Monitoring boards are utilized to monitor pest activity in key locations. The monitoring boards are checked monthly by the contracted pest control applicator and if no pest infestation is noted no pesticides are applied.
- Service will be in compliance with the 'Guidance for Pesticide Applications at Schools and Day Care Centers' listed on the CT DEEP website. All product that may be used is listed on our IPM Plan.
- There is mandatory long-term record keeping requirements for all pesticide applications.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE NOTIFIED IN ADVANCE OF YOUR SCHOOL'S PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS, PLEASE SEND A LETTER TO YOUR APPLICABLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL REQUESTING THE NOTIFICATION. INCLUDE IN THE LETTER YOUR ELECTRONIC MAIL ADDRESS. YOU WILL SUBSEQUENTLY BE NOTIFIED BY ELECTRONIC MAIL AT LEAST TWENTY-FOUR (24) HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE APPLICATION.



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If you register, you will be notified on:

1. The name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied and what pest is being treated with this pesticide.
 2. The location of the application on the school property.
 3. The date/time of the application, and
 4. The name of the school administrator, or a designee, who may be contacted for further information.
- **Please Note:** This notification registry is not for pesticides labeled as 'baits'; it is only for other pesticides. Baits are EPA registered pesticides; however, the products labeled 'baits' are allowed to be used inside schools per the CT DEEP. Non-bait pesticides will not be used regularly. During the regularly scheduled, monthly service, baits will be used to proactively treat for the target pests listed in this letter. This is per the CT DEEP standards. No other pesticides applications can be done while school is in session or during school activities (except in an emergency situation). *Below (#5) explains the notification process for emergency situations which may include the use of other pesticides if there is a pest situation that is deemed a threat to human health.*
5. If an emergency situation occurs where pesticides have to be used before notice can be given, the school principal (or appropriate school faculty member in charge of this registration list) will send the information listed in numbers 1-4 to all the registrants immediately after the emergency application has been made (the same day, by any means practicable). A description of the emergency situation that occurred will be explained in this notice.

EMERGENCY APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

- Emergency applications of pesticides may be allowed to eliminate a threat to human health as determined by; local health director, commissioner of public health, commissioner of environmental protection, or, for public schools, the school superintendent.
- In the event of an immediate threat to human health, the Superintendent may direct that an emergency application of a pesticide be made, during regular school hours or during planned activities at school, without prior notice to parents/guardians of children, and/or staff members in the school. Such application may only be made if (1) it is necessary to make the application during such period to prevent health hazard and (2) such emergency application does not involve a restricted use pesticide.
- In the event of such emergency application, no child may enter the area of such application until it is safe to do so according to the provisions on the pesticide label.
- In the event of such emergency application, if the Superintendent determines that it is impractical to obtain the services in a timely manner by a certified Pest Control applicator, the services may be provided by a non-certified person as long as the application does not involve a restricted use pesticide.
- Please see #5 listed above for details of the emergency application notification procedure.



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Useful Links:

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/pesticides/IPM/PesticideApplicationsSchoolsDayCareCenterspdf.pdf>

<https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/DEEP/pesticides/IPM/EmergencyPesticideGuidanceSchools.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding the Board of Education's Integrated Pest Management Program, please do not hesitate to contact me:

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