

The following notice is per the July 1, 2002 State law requirement. (RCW 17.21.415)

PUYALLUP SCHOOL DISTRICT PESTICIDE ANNUAL NOTIFICATION

District Policy

The District has adopted Policy No. 6895 for “Pesticide Notification, Posting, and Record Keeping”, which states the following:

“The Superintendent is directed to develop regulations to assure that the District complies with the requirements of law regarding pesticide notification, posting, and record keeping. This includes regulations for the annual notification of staff and parents of the District’s pest control policies and methods; pre-notification of staff and parents of pesticide application; posting of sites of pesticide applications; and record keeping, including an annual summary report of pesticide usage.”

Annual Requirement RCW 17.21.415 (2)

The Puyallup School District, in accordance with state law, shall provide written annual notification to parents or guardians and employees describing the District’s pest control policies and methods. Any parent or guardian of a new student or employee of the District who was not provided notification will be provided this information on their first day of registration and/or hiring.

Who Applies Pesticides RCW 17.21.220 (2) and 021 (4)

District employees will do most of the pesticide applications and will possess a valid Washington State Pesticide license in the categories of pest control, or be under the direct supervision of a certified applicator if they apply any pesticides using an "apparatus" [mechanical powered equipment], or any "restricted use pesticide."

Sometimes, contracted commercial pest control applicators apply pesticides at district properties. In any case, the application will be done by people who possess a valid Washington State Pesticide license in the categories of pest control. All applications must receive prior authorization from the District and must adhere to all notification and posting requirements by the same process as is used by the District.

48-Hour Pre-application Notification RCW 7.21.415 (3)

The District will make pre-application notification at least 48 hours before applying a pesticide. This notification will be posted in a prominent place in the main office of the school/site. Also, it will be distributed to interested persons who request to be notified in a method described hereafter. The posted notification at a minimum shall state:

1. "Notice: Pesticide Application" as the header;
2. The product name of the pesticide to be applied;
3. The intended date and time of application;
4. The location to which the pesticide is to be applied;
5. The pest to be controlled; and
6. The name and phone number of a contact person at the District.

An application to a district property must be made within forty-eight hours following the intended date and time stated in the notification or the notification process will be repeated.

Exception RCW 17.21.415 (7), (8), & (9)

The pre-notification requirements do not apply if the school facility application is made when students do not occupy the school for at least two consecutive days after the application. Washington State Department of Agriculture Pesticide Compliance personnel define "not occupied" as follows: (1) when and where school or school activities are not in session or, (2) when not in regular school session, the area to be treated is significantly separate from students present at the school. For example, students are in the gym but not on the football field where the application is intended.

The pre-notification requirements do not apply to any emergency school facility application for control of any pest that poses an immediate human health or safety threat, e.g. an application to control stinging insects. When an emergency school facility application is made, notification consistent with the District's notification system shall occur as soon as possible after the application.

A school facility application does not include the application of anti-microbial pesticides or the placement of insect or rodent baits that are not accessible to children.

Application Notification RCW 17.21.410 (1)(d)

The District or commercial applicators will, at the time of application, post notification signs for all pesticide applications made to District grounds. When applications are made to the grounds, a 4x5 inch (minimum size) notification sign will be posted:

1. At the primary points of entry to the school, and
2. At the location of the application.

The District posted signs will be a black on yellow flag that states the following information. (Commercial applicator signs are similar but provide the same information).

**THIS LANDSCAPE HAS BEEN RECENTLY SPRAYED OR TREATED WITH
PESTICIDES BY PUYALLUP SCHOOL DISTRICT. FOR MORE INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT RON HESSELGESSER AT 253-841-8777**

When applications are made in or on a building, 8.5x11 inch notification signs will be posted prominently at the location. The school facilities poster will contain the following information:

NOTICE: PESTICIDE APPLICATION

Product Name: _____
 Date and time of application: _____
 Location to which the pesticide was applied: _____
 Pest to be controlled: _____
 Name and phone number of a contact at the District: _____

Our *philosophy* of “integrated pest management” (IPM) is aligned with the Washington State Legislature’s definition of “a coordinated decision-making and action process that uses the most appropriate pest control methods and strategy in an environmentally and economically sound manner to meet agency program pest management objectives”. To that end we have always used chemicals very sparingly around our facilities, and we have always used the least toxic product that will do the job. We do, and have done, manual weeding whenever time and manpower allows. This combination has proven successful for many years. Following is a list of regularly used products.

Pesticides Applied On a Regular Basis (more than twice a year anywhere in the District)

Product	Type	Application Method	Location	Safety Alert
Generation	Rodenticide	Bait	Gr/Bldg	Caution
Crossbow	Herbicide	Mixed spray	Grounds	Caution
Casoron 4G	Herbicide	Granular	Grounds	Caution
Wasp Freeze	Insecticide	Aerosol	Grounds	Caution
Drione	Insecticide	Powder	Gr/Bldg	Caution
Razor Pro	Herbicide	Mixed spray	Grounds	Caution
Max Force	Insecticide	Bait	Bldg	Caution
Snapshot	Herbicide	Granular	Grounds	Caution
Talstar	Insecticide	Bait	Gr/Bldg	Caution

Pesticide Records RCW 17.21.100

The District shall maintain pesticide application records for seven years from the date of application. In addition, an annual summary of the Districts total pesticide use for the preceding year will be available by September 1st of each year. These records are available to interested persons upon request from the Facilities Department. Write to Facilities, 323 12th St. N.W., Puyallup, WA. 98371 or in the case of an emergency call 253-841-8777.

Registration for Pre-application Notification RCW 17.21.415

An attached form is provided for your use if you wish to be pre-notified of pesticide applications at your local school/site. This notification will be in addition to the above-described school/site postings and will be sent via U.S. Postal services or e-mail to the address provided. This form will be provided to parents, guardians, and employees of Puyallup School District #3 on an annual basis. It is only necessary to fill out one registration form for each household if you wish the additional notifications.

Pesticide Registration
Facilities Department
323 12th St. N.W.
Puyallup, WA. 98371

Pre-application 48-Hour Pesticide Notification Registration

If you desire special 48-hour notification in addition to school postings, please fill out the registration form below and return it to Puyallup School District #3 Facilities Department at the address listed above. *Form must be completed by parent or guardian only.*

School Site(s): _____ _____
Students Name(s): _____ _____
Contact Name (Parent or Guardian): _____ _____
Contact Address: _____ _____
E-mail Address: _____ _____
Telephone Number: Day: _____ Night: _____

