

Regulations Regarding the Application of Pesticides

The intent is to prevent unnecessary exposure of staff, students or the public to potentially harmful substances including:

Pesticide	Includes insecticides, herbicides, fungicides and rodenticides.
Hazardous Chemical,	As defined by OAR 437, Division 2, means any chemical which is a physical hazard or health hazard.
Health Hazard	Includes chemicals which are carcinogens, toxic or highly toxic agents, reproductive toxins, irritants, corrosives, sensitizers, hepatotoxins, nephrotoxins, neurotoxins, agents which act on the hematopoietic system and agents which damage the lungs, skin, eyes or mucous membranes.
Physical Hazard	A chemical for which there is scientifically valid evidence that it is a combustible liquid, a compressed gas, explosive, flammable, an organic peroxide, an oxidizer, pyrophonic, unstable (reactive) or water-reactive.

1. To prevent unnecessary exposure of staff, students or the public to potentially harmful substances MESD, whenever possible, will retain the services of a licensed contractor for application of pesticides. Contractor will follow all aspects of Integrated Pest Management as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency. Contractor will maintain records at each site regarding time and date of inspections and application of any pesticides. All application of pesticides shall be coordinated with the building administrator to minimize potential exposure of staff and students.
2. If pesticides or other potentially hazardous chemicals are to be used, the least toxic product(s) will be selected whenever practicable. Products with the lowest percentage of active ingredient(s), least odor possible and with the safest methods of application will be selected when there is a choice of products with comparable effectiveness. When practical, non-chemical controls shall be used. Assistance on determining the relative toxicity of products may be obtained from members of the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC), (503) 731-4025, or the National Pesticide Telecommunications Network (NPTN) at (800) 858-7378.
3. Pesticides and other potentially hazardous chemicals will be applied as far from humans as possible.
4. Any indoor applications will be accomplished after business/school hours on a Friday, over a weekend or during a vacation period or other such times if at all possible.
5. All treated indoor areas must be well ventilated prior to re-entry by staff, students or others.

6. When possible, windows should also be opened for a minimum of six hours before staff, students or others return to the area.
7. Staff, students and others, especially those individuals that may be most vulnerable to the effects of pesticides or other potentially hazardous chemicals (e.g., infants, pregnant women, asthmatics, chemically sensitive people, etc.), will be notified of planned applications as appropriate and practicable.
8. Treated grounds and buildings will be clearly posted with the date and time of application, product used and re-entry instructions.