

Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2024 - 2025

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Mount Arlington Public School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for the Mount Arlington Public School District is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Robert Riffel

Business Phone number: 973-398-4400 ext.125

Business Address: 235 Howard Blvd Mount Arlington NJ 07856

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan [insert name of school] may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

The following items must be included with this annual notice:

- o A copy of the school or school district's IPM policy.**
- o The date, time and place of any meeting if one is to be held for the purpose of adopting or modifying the school integrated pest management policy or plan.**
- o A list of pesticides that are in use or that have been used in the past 12 months on school property.**



Dear Parent or Guardian,

We would like to inform you that an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for controlling insects, rodents, and weeds will be used at Mount Arlington Public Schools. The IPM approach we will be using focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable place for pests to live and breed. Through maintenance and cleaning, we will reduce or eliminate available food and water sources, and hiding places for the pests. We will also routinely monitor the school area to detect pest problems and prevent the pests from becoming established. Some IPM techniques we will employ include monitoring, increased sanitation, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, and modifying storage practices.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to control a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals must be used, the school will try to use the least toxic products when possible. Access to treated areas will be secured against unauthorized access for the period specified on the pesticide label. Notices will be posted at application sites and will remain there until the posted safe re-entry time is met. For your information, we have a list of pesticides and material safety and data sheets (SDS) that may be used in the school this school year. This list may be obtained by contacting the IPM coordinator at 973-398-4400 x 125.

You may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the notification registry. After this date, September 6th, 2024, the registrants will be notified at least 72 hours before a pesticide is applied. If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided as soon as possible after the application. Exemptions to this notification include cleaners (disinfectants), pesticides formulated as baits or gels, and any EPA exempt pesticide. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please complete and return the enclosed form. If you have any questions, please contact Robert Riffel IPM Coordinator. For further information about school IPM, please visit <http://schoolipm.ifas.ufl.edu/> or <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/ipm/>.

Sincerely,
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