



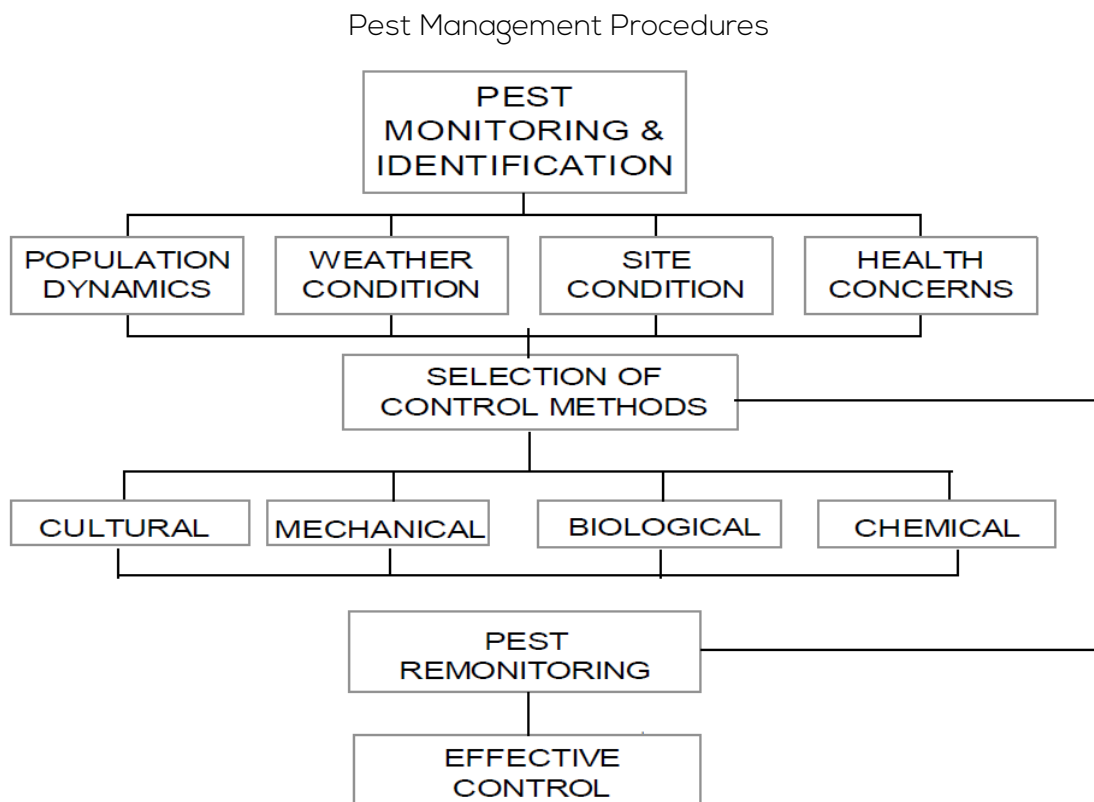
# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT STANDARD COMPLIANCE PROGRAM

Structural and landscape pests can pose a significant risk to people and the environment. Likewise, toxic pest control chemicals can pose a significant hazard to people and the environment. Children, because of their higher metabolisms, their developing organs and life-systems, and their play behavior patterns, may be vulnerable to the health impact of pesticides. Therefore, this school district supports the use of Integrated Pest Management to manage pests within the district.

Scope: This IPM Program applies to all Antelope Valley Union High School District buildings, facilities, landscapes, and grounds.

Responsibility: The Facilities Manager is the District IPM Coordinator. The IPM Coordinator is responsible for the overall District program implementation and oversight. The IPM Coordinator has the responsibility for all facets of pest management, including coordination of product selection, recordkeeping, quality control, and program review. The Director of Human Resources/Risk Management is responsible for training, notification and program review.

Pest Management Strategies: The following decision tree shall be used as appropriate to help determine pest management strategies.



## Definitions

- a) "Antimicrobial" means those pesticides defined by the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C. Sec. 136 (mm)).
- b) "Crack and crevice treatment" means the application of small quantities of a pesticide consistent with labeling instructions in a building into openings such as those commonly found at expansion joints, between levels of construction, and between equipment and floors.
- c) "Emergency conditions" means any circumstances in which the school district designee deems that the immediate use of a pesticide is necessary to protect the health and safety of students, staff, other persons, or the school site.
- d) "School district designee" means the individual identified by the school district to carry out the requirements of this program at the school site.
- e) "School site" means any facility used for public day care, kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school purposes. The term includes the buildings or structures, playgrounds, athletic fields, school vehicles, or any other area of school property visited or used by students. "School site" does not include any post-secondary educational facility attended by secondary students or private day care or school facilities.
- f) "Integrated pest management" means a pest management strategy that focuses on long-term prevention or suppression of pests through a combination of techniques. Such techniques may include, but not be limited to:
  - Monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels,
  - Using non-chemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development,
  - Improving sanitation, and
  - Employing mechanical and physical controls.

Pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment are used only after careful monitoring indicates they are needed according to pre-established guidelines and treatment thresholds.

## Safe Practices

The following Safe Practices will be implemented by all.

1. All food should be limited to specifically designated areas.
2. No open food storage or preparation in areas not intended and/or designated for that use.
3. No overnight storage of food in classrooms.
4. If food is not part of the educational program, then it is not allowed in the classroom.
5. Lunches brought from home should be stored in a designated, sealable container.
6. Chemical products shall not be used directly around children.
7. Students shall be kept off of freshly sprayed fields.
8. No chemicals or other pest management products should be brought from home.
9. Everyone is responsible for housekeeping. Good housekeeping is essential for effective pest management.

## Notification

The Director of Human Resources shall annually provide written notification to all parents or guardians of students enrolled at a school site.

Notification shall include at least the following:

1. The name of all pesticide products expected to be applied at the school facility during the upcoming year.
2. The active ingredient or ingredients in each pesticide product.
3. The internet address used to access information on pesticides and pesticide use reduction developed by the Department of Pesticide Regulation.
4. The opportunity for recipients to register with the school district if they wish to receive notification of individual pesticide applications at the school facility.
5. Other information deemed necessary by the school district designee.

No other written notification of pesticide applications shall be required except as follows:

1. Persons who register for such notification shall be notified of individual pesticide applications at least 72 hours prior to the application. The notice shall include the product name, the active ingredient or ingredients in the product, and the intended date of application.
2. If a pesticide product not included in the annual notification is subsequently intended for use at the school site, the school district designee shall, at least 72 hours prior to application, provide written notification of its intended use.

## Posting

The school district designee shall post a warning sign at each area of the school site where pesticides will be applied. The warning sign shall prominently display the following:

1. The term "Warning/Pesticide Treated Area",
2. The product name,
3. The manufacturer's name,
4. The United States Environmental Protection Agency's product registration number,
5. Intended date and areas of application, and
6. The reason for the pesticide application.

The warning sign shall be visible to all persons entering the treated area and shall be posted 24 hours prior to the application and remain posted until 72 hours after the application.

## Emergency Application

Pest control measures taken during an emergency condition as defined above shall not be subject to the notification requirements above. However, the school district designee shall make every effort to provide the required notification for an application of a pesticide under emergency conditions. In case of a pest control emergency, the warning sign shall be posted immediately upon application and shall remain posted until 72 hours after the application.

## Recordkeeping

Each school site shall maintain records of all pesticide use at the school site for a period of four (4) years. These records shall be available to the public, upon request, pursuant to the California Public Records Act (Government Code, Title I, Division 7, Chapter 3.5, commencing with Section 6250).

The Antelope Valley Union High School District chooses to meet the requirements of this section by the following method:

- Utilizing the Integrated Pest Management Database
- Retaining a copy of the warning sign posted for each application and recording on that copy the amount of the pesticide used.

## Employee Training

Designated classifications shall receive education and training regarding the contents of this program. Additionally, designated staff shall receive training specific to their role in the district's IPM program. The IPM mandatory annual training is to be completed virtually. **Please [watch the state IPM video on our shared Google Drive](#), and then [Take the Mandatory Test via electronic Google form which will automatically submit your score to Risk Management](#).**

Some classifications or educational areas that must use disinfectants daily as part of their job function are Custodial and Maintenance, Food Service Cafeteria Teams, severe Special Education, Nursing and any Healthcare related tasks.

## Outside Contractors

The requirements of this program apply to pest management operations conducted by district personnel as well as by outside contractors.

All outside contractors will be required to provide the district with information regarding potential pesticide products that may be used at the site within the upcoming year. All outside contractors must coordinate their applications with the district IPM coordinator. All notifications, postings, and recordkeeping requirements shall apply to pesticide applications conducted by outside contractors.

## Exceptions

The notification, posting, and recordkeeping requirements contained herein shall not apply to a pesticide product deployed as the following:

1. A self-contained bait or trap,
2. Gel or paste deployed as a crack and crevice treatment,
3. Any pesticide exempted from regulation by the United States Environmental Protection Agency pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (7 U.S.C., Section 25 (b)), or
4. Antimicrobial pesticides, including sanitizers and disinfectants.

The notification, posting, and recordkeeping requirements contained herein shall not apply to activities undertaken at a school by participants in the state program of agricultural vocational education, pursuant to Education Code Part 28, Chapter 9, Article 7, commencing with Section 52450. This exemption applies only if the activities are necessary to meet the curriculum requirements prescribed in Section 52454. Nothing in this IPM Program relieves schools participating in the state program of agricultural vocational education of any duties pursuant to this section for activities that are not directly related to the curriculum requirements of Section 52454.

# School District Integrated Pest Management Plan

When completed, this template meets the Healthy Schools Act requirement for an integrated pest management (IPM) plan.  
An IPM plan is required if a school district uses pesticides<sup>1</sup>

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## IPM statement

It is the goal of the Antelope Valley Union High School District to implement IPM by focusing on long-term prevention or suppression of pests through accurate pest identification, by frequent monitoring for pest presence, by applying appropriate action levels, and by making the habitat less conducive to pests using sanitation and mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that are effective will be used in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment, and only after other options have been shown ineffective.

Our pest management objectives are to: *(Example: Focus on long-term pest prevention)*

Maintain Pest Free environments through a multi-faceted approach to Pest Management, including routine maintenance of door sweeps and weather stripping, implementing policies which discourage food storage in classrooms and offices, maintaining a routine cleaning schedule and contracting with Certified Pest Control Vendors to provide routine preventative treatment, utilizing industry standard methods and materials.

## IPM team

In addition to the IPM Coordinator, other individuals who are involved in purchasing, making IPM decisions, applying pesticides, and complying with the Healthy Schools Act requirements, include:

Name and/or Title

Role in IPM program

Tim Checkwood, Facilities Manager

Provide site Maintenance and Custodial staff with Direction to assist with meeting IPM Goals Ensure sites provide Annual Pesticide Usage Reports

## Pest management contracting

- Pest management services are contracted to a licensed pest control business.  
Pest Control Business name(s): Dewey Pest Control, Bug Patrol, Donny's Pest Control, Excel Pest Pros, Kreutels Pest Control
- Prior to entering into a contract, the school district has confirmed that the pest control business understands the training requirement and other requirements of the Healthy Schools Act.

## Pest identification, monitoring and inspection

Pest Identification is done by: *Pest Control Business, District Maintenance and Custodial Staff*

*(Example: College/University staff, Pest Control Business, etc.)*

Monitoring and inspecting for pests and conditions that lead to pest problems are done regularly by **District Maintenance and Custodial Staff** and results are communicated to the IPM Coordinator.

*(Example: District staff title, e.g. Maintenance staff)*

Specific information about monitoring and inspecting for pests, such as locations, times, or techniques include:

*(Example: Sticky monitoring boards are placed in the kitchen and are checked weekly by custodial staff.)*

Pest Control Vendors place sticky traps in various locations, which are monitored by Custodial, Maintenance and Food Service staff between visits from the Vendors

