

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **Ashe County Schools – Scheduled Pest Control Treatments (2025–2026)**

As part of our continued commitment to providing a clean, safe, and healthy learning environment, Ashe County Schools will conduct **monthly and quarterly pest control treatments** throughout the 2025–2026 school year.

#### **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)**

Ashe County Schools follows an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to proactively address and prevent pest issues across all school facilities. While the potential for pest activity exists at any time, our IPM policy emphasizes prevention, monitoring, and minimal pesticide use.

Under this approach:

- **Monthly treatments** are performed to address routine prevention and maintenance.
- **Quarterly treatments** may be scheduled for more targeted or seasonal needs.

As required by policy, **advance notice will be provided for any pesticide applications** scheduled on school property. Please note that this notification does **not apply** to the use of:

- Antimicrobial cleansers or disinfectants
- Self-contained bait stations
- Crack-and-crevice treatments
- Pesticides classified as **Class IV (relatively non-toxic)** by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)

#### **EMERGENCY TREATMENT NOTIFICATION**

If **emergency pest control treatment is required**, Ashe County Schools will provide **at least 72 hours' notice** prior to application. Notification will be shared through multiple communication channels.

**A primary method of notification will be a recorded phone call to all households.**

Please ensure that your contact information, particularly your phone number, is up to date in our system to receive timely alerts.

#### **Application Standards and Safety**


All pest control treatments are administered by **licensed professionals** and performed in accordance with state and federal safety regulations.

A full schedule of treatments and product details are available upon request.

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**For more information or to request advance notification, please contact:**

**Ashe County Schools Maintenance Department**

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