



Integrated Pest Management Program

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Structural and landscape pests can pose significant health and other problems to people as well as affect property and the environment. Pesticides can also pose risks to people, property, and the environment. It is therefore the intention of Richland One Building Services to incorporate integrated pest management (IPM) procedures into the district's maintenance and custodial programs for control of indoor and outdoor pests.

Definitions

Pests are defined as populations of living organisms (animals, plants, and insects) that interfere with the use of facilities for human purposes. Strategies for managing pest populations are influenced by the pest species and whether that species poses a threat or nuisance to people, property, or the environment.

Integrated pest management, or IPM, is a strategy that focuses on long term prevention or suppression of pest populations using a combination of tactics that minimize the effects of pest management activities on human health and the health of other, non-target organisms.

An IPM plan is a decision-making process following a set of detailed procedures describing how particular pest problems will be avoided or managed. Such pest management tactics may involve the activities of all users of a school facility including teachers, students, administration, and parents, not just staff or contractor responsible for pest management. How a school facility is used has significant bearing on the types of pest issues which may occur.

IPM Plan

The District has appointed an IPM administrator whose duties include the development and implementation of a pest management plan. Objectives of the IPM plan include:

- Elimination of significant threats caused by pests to the health and safety of students, staff or the public.
- Prevention of loss or damage to school structures or property by pests.
- Protection of environmental quality inside and outside school buildings.

Pest Sighting

Pest sighting should be immediately reported to site Building Coordinators and/or site administration. The sighting(s) should be immediately logged into the School Dude work order system under Pest Control. An authorized pest control company will be immediately notified to provide appropriate response to the site.

The pest control technician dispatched to the site will take appropriate action based on R1 IPM guidelines. Information such as what pests was identified, the location of the sighting, and any other pertinent information should be recorded on the work order.

The pest control technician will make recommendations to Building Coordinators regarding recommended changes in maintenance, custodial, or site staff practices that might help prevent future pest issues (installation of proper door sweeps, turning off unnecessary lights at night, installing proper window screening, etc...)

Routine Vendor Visits

A school site is a difficult place to manage pest management. The design and use of school buildings and landscapes may encourage pest issues due to the nature of the campuses. Only by looking beyond routine treatment can we hope to be successful. The pest control company contracted by Richland One will visit each facility at least monthly and may need to arrange extra visits as needed for treatment and follow-up in problematic areas.

Application of Pest Control Treatments

It is the intent of the District to first utilize all means necessary to exclude pests from all facilities. This may involve building repair in conjunction with an exterior treatment regimen that is not harmful to the environment or students/staff.

Approved pesticides may be used in accordance with contract specifications when necessary; however, pesticide application in Richland One buildings is the least desired treatment program. Identification of pests and their habits, developing a specific treatment plan based on this information, and physical exclusion practices should be exhausted prior to any pesticide applications within Richland One buildings.