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Business and Non Instructional Operations

Hazardous Materials in Schools

Pesticide Application (Version #1)

The intent of this policy is to ensure that students, employees and parents/guardians receive adequate notice, in conformity with applicable statutes, prior to pesticide application in school buildings and on school grounds. Further, EASTCONN will only employ certified pesticide applicators for any non-emergency pesticide use in school buildings or on school grounds.

The application of lawn care pesticides on the grounds of schools with students in grade eight or lower must be according to an integrated pest management plan (IPM). Such application is prohibited except in emergencies. An emergency application may be made to eliminate a human health threat in any school with students through grade eight as determined by the Executive Director, subject to applicable Connecticut statutory and regulatory provisions.

The District shall:

- Provide notice of planned pesticide application to students, parents/guardians and employees in the manner required by law, utilizing websites, EASTCONN social media account, electronic mail notification or alert systems.
- Post the areas scheduled to receive pesticide application(s).
- Maintain written records for five years of all pesticide applications.
- Provide continuing instruction to those students who, based upon written medical request, find it necessary to absent themselves during the period of application.
- Inform annually parents/guardians and staff of EASTCONN's pest application/management policy.
- Establish a registry of parents/guardians and staff who want to receive advance notice of all pesticide use and provide such notice as required by law.

Pest control applicators employed by EASTCONN shall provide the school contact person (Supervisor of Facilities) with notice at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date and time the pesticide application is to occur, including in such notice the brand name, concentration, rate of application, pesticide label, material safety data sheet, list of the area or areas where the pesticide is to be applied and any use restrictions required by the pesticide label. Prior to the application, the applicator shall provide the school contact person with a written pre-application notification containing the following information:

- The brand name, rate of application and any use restrictions required by the label of the herbicide or specific pesticide (name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied).
- The target pest.
- The area or areas where the pesticide is to be applied.
- The date and time the application is to occur.
- The pesticide label and the material safety data sheet.

In case of pesticide applications performed for or by public health agencies or emergency applications because of immediate threat to the public health, the licensed applicator shall give the school site office oral and, if possible, written notice, with posting of the area to be treated.

The Executive Director or his/her designee may require the pest control applicator to make the required postings in accordance with all applicable statutes and with EASTCONN policy and regulations. The name and address of the applicator shall be a part of any posting.

Someone other than a certified pesticide applicator may apply a pesticide in an emergency to eliminate an immediate human health threat when (1) it is impractical to obtain the services of a certified pesticide applicator and (2) a restricted use pesticide is not used, as defined in C.G.S. 22a-47.

Pesticide purchases shall be limited to amounts authorized by the Executive Director or his/her designee for use during the year. Pesticides shall be stored in a secure site not accessible to students or unauthorized staff. They shall be stored and disposed of in accordance with EPA registered label directions and applicable state statutes.

Definitions

Pesticides are defined as fungicides used on plants, insecticides, herbicides or rodenticides, but not sanitizers, disinfectants, antimicrobial agents or pesticide baits.

Microbial pesticide means a pesticide that consists of a micro-organism as the active ingredient.

Biochemical pesticide means a naturally occurring substance that controls pests by non-toxic mechanisms.

Integrated pest management is the use of all available pest control measures, including the judicious use of pesticides, when warranted, to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level while decreasing the use of pesticides. Such plan is consistent with an applicable model plan provided by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection under section 22a-66l.

Lawn care pesticides are pesticides registered by the EPA and labeled according to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act for lawn, garden and ornamental use. Lawn care pesticide does not include a microbial pesticide or biochemical pesticide registered with the EPA, horticultural soap or oil registered with the EPA and does not contain any synthetic or synergist or a pesticide classified by EPA as an exempt material.

The Superintendent shall prepare and disseminate regulations for the implementation of this policy.

Legal Reference: Connecticut General Statutes

10-231b Pesticide applications at schools. Authorized applicators. Exception, as amended by P.A. 09-56

10-231c Pesticide applications at schools without an integrated pest management plan. (as amended by June 2015 Special Session PA 15-5)

22a-46. Short title: Connecticut Pesticide Control Act.

22a-54. Pesticide applicators, certification, classification, notice, fees, reciprocity; financial responsibility; aircraft, tree, public employee applicators.

22a-58. Records to be kept by distributors and applicators.

23-61a. Definitions. Tree protection examining Board within Department of Consumer Protection. Regulations.

23-61b. Licensing for arboriculture; examination; fees; renewal; suspension, revocation. Nonresidents. Records. Pesticides.

P.A. 09-56 An Act Concerning Pesticide Applications at Child Day Care Centers and Schools

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) 7 U.S. Code 136 et seq.

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