

East Windsor Public Schools

Pesticide Application Practices

In Accordance with Connecticut Regulations

East Windsor Public Schools (EWPS) is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for students, staff, and visitors through the implementation of an **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** program. The District follows all applicable Connecticut General Statutes and regulations established by the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) regarding pesticide use in schools.

Purpose

The purpose of this practice is to:

- Protect the health and safety of students, staff, and visitors.
- Minimize exposure to pesticides through prevention and Integrated Pest Management (IPM).
- Ensure compliance with all Connecticut laws governing pesticide applications on school property.
- Maintain accurate records and provide required notifications.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM)

EWPS utilizes an Integrated Pest Management approach that emphasizes:

- Routine inspections and monitoring.
- Proper sanitation and housekeeping.
- Building maintenance and exclusion techniques to prevent pest entry.
- Mechanical and physical pest control methods.
- Use of pesticides only when non-chemical methods are ineffective or impractical.

Chemical pesticides are considered a last resort and are used only when necessary to protect health, safety, or property.

Authorized Applicators

- Pesticides shall only be applied by:
 - A Connecticut-certified commercial pesticide applicator, or
 - A Connecticut-certified supervisory applicator, as required by state law.
- School custodial or maintenance staff shall not apply pesticides unless properly certified and authorized under Connecticut regulations.
- Emergency applications shall follow all applicable Connecticut statutory requirements.

Notification Requirements

In accordance with Connecticut General Statutes:

- At the beginning of each school year, parents/guardians and school staff shall receive information regarding the District's pesticide policy and Integrated Pest Management program.
- Parents and staff may request to be placed on the District's pesticide notification registry, where applicable.
- Required advance notification shall be provided before non-emergency pesticide applications.
- Emergency applications shall be communicated as soon as practicable following the application, consistent with state law.

Scheduling of Applications

Whenever possible:

- Pesticide applications shall occur when school is not in session.
- Applications shall be scheduled during evenings, weekends, holidays, or school breaks.
- Treated areas shall remain closed for the pesticide label's required re-entry interval before students, staff, or visitors are permitted access.

Recordkeeping

EWPS shall maintain pesticide application records for a minimum of **five (5) years**. Records shall include:

- Date and time of application.
- Location treated.
- Target pest.
- Product name.
- EPA Registration Number.
- Amount applied.
- Applicator's name and certification number.
- Reason for treatment.

Records shall be available for inspection as required by Connecticut law.

Contractor Requirements

Any contractor performing pest management services for East Windsor Public Schools shall:

- Hold all required Connecticut pesticide certifications and licenses.
- Follow the District's Integrated Pest Management program.
- Comply with all notification, documentation, and reporting requirements.
- Provide Safety Data Sheets (SDS) and pesticide labels upon request.
- Submit completed pesticide application records to the Facilities Department immediately following each application.

Lawn and Athletic Field Applications

EWPS recognizes Connecticut's restrictions regarding lawn care pesticides on school grounds. Lawn care pesticides shall only be used where specifically permitted under Connecticut law and only when all statutory requirements are satisfied.

Responsibilities

Director of Facilities

- Oversees implementation of the District's IPM Program.
- Coordinates all contracted pesticide applications.
- Maintains required records.
- Ensures required notifications are provided.

Building Administrators

- Report pest concerns to the Facilities Department.
- Assist with communication regarding scheduled applications.

Custodial Staff

- Monitor and report pest activity.
- Maintain sanitation practices that discourage pest infestations.
- Do not independently apply pesticides unless appropriately certified.

Compliance

Failure to comply with these practices may result in violations of Connecticut pesticide laws and District policy. All pesticide applications shall strictly follow:

- Connecticut General Statutes §§ 10-231a through 10-231d.
- Connecticut General Statutes § 22a-66l.
- Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) pesticide regulations.
- EPA pesticide label requirements, which have the force of law.

This practice shall be reviewed periodically and updated as necessary to remain compliant with changes in Connecticut law and DEEP guidance.

Any questions regarding these Pesticide Application Practices or the East Windsor Public Schools Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program may be directed to:

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