

# INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program for \_\_\_\_\_ District.

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 district buildings, facilities, landscapes, and grounds.

## Responsibility

\_\_\_\_\_ 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, training, quality control, and program review.

## 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:

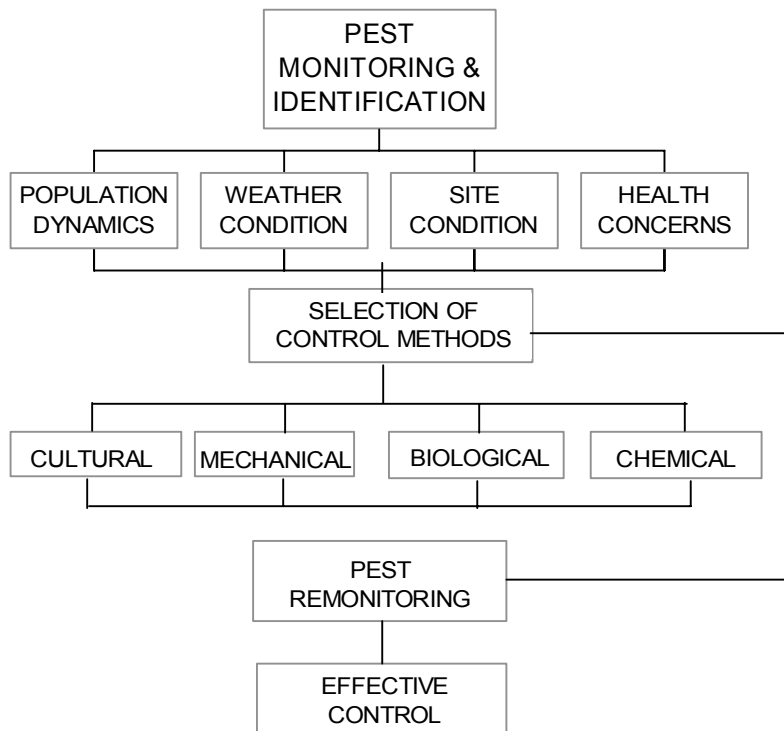
- Monitoring for pest presence and establishing treatment threshold levels,
- Using nonchemical practices to make the habitat less conducive to pest development,
- Improving sanitation, and
- Employing mechanical and physical controls.

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.

### Pest Management Strategies

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

### Pest Management Procedures



## **Safe Practices**

The following Safe Practices will be implemented as appropriate. Implementation shall be determined by the IPM Coordinator.

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 school district designee shall annually provide written notification to all staff and 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).

\_\_\_\_\_ 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**

All school staff (certificated and classified) shall receive education and training regarding the contents of this program. Additionally, staff shall receive training specific to their role in the district's IPM program.

## **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.