
INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Background

The District is committed to the elimination of chemical pesticides using an Integrated Pest Management approach to pest control. An Integrated Pest Management approach is best defined as a method of pest control where combinations of cultural, biological, and genetic means for pest control are used.

Definitions

Chemical Control Is defined as the use of a synthetic chemical pesticide to suppress and control a pest.

Natural Control Is defined as the use of natural living organisms (parasites, predators, pathogens) that have been approved by the “Pest Management Regulatory Agency (Health Canada)” to manage pests.

Pest A pest is defined as anything (e.g. weeds, insects, diseases, rodents, etc.) which by the size, location, or size of its population adversely interferes with the health, environmental, functional, or economic goals of humans.

Pesticide Is defined as a microorganism or material that is represented, sold, and used to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate a pest, and includes without limitation:

- A plant growth regulator, plant defoliator, or plant desiccant.
- A control product under the “Pest Control Products Act (Canada)”, other than a device that is a control product.
- A substance that is classified as a pesticide under “The Integrated Pest Management Act (British Columbia)

Procedures

1. Pest control initiatives will be carried out in the following priority:
 - 1.1. The minimization of hazards to the public.
 - 1.2. The least toxic means that will not endanger the unintended.
 - 1.3. The least damaging to the environment.
 - 1.4. The most effective form of pest reduction.



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2. The District will adopt the priority use of physical/cultural and biological/genetic controls in the effort to eliminate pest problems.
3. The Operations Department personnel will constantly monitor for pest problems. Problems will be proactively addressed and treated as soon as possible to minimize both the damage and the amount of treatment required.
4. Treatment methodologies and pest resistant plant availabilities will be monitored regularly to ensure that the District is considering the widest available range of choices for the safe and economical elimination of pest problems.
5. External Pesticide Use:
 - 5.1. The District will ensure that all controls used in the District to eliminate pests will be in adherence to the Integrated Pest Management system when performing external pest control. Every effort will be made to perform pesticide application outside of normal school hours.
6. Internal Pesticide Use:
 - 6.1. The District shall employ a "right to know" procedure whereby school staff and parents are advised of pesticide application within District facilities. In this regard, a written procedure/information package shall be circulated to principals who will disseminate the information as appropriate. That procedure/information package shall reference this Administrative Procedure 547.

Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act
Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act
Health Act
Integrated Pest Management Act
Pest Control Products Act (Canada)
Pest Control Products Regulations (Canada)
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation

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