

## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Guardian or Staff Member:

Legislation was passed in 1998 which requires public schools to adopt Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan and to develop parental and staff notification programs by the 1999-2000 school year for any school that applies pesticides in school buildings during the school year. In addition, legislation was passed in 1999 which requires public schools to expand the IPM plan to include parental and staff notification for pesticide applications made to school grounds during the school year.

At the beginning of each school year, each school must notify all parents/guardians, staff, and new students, regarding the Wicomico County Public Schools Integrated Pest Management Plan.

## A. What is the Integrated Pest Management Plan?

Integrated Pest Management, or IPM, is a plan of controlling pests that does not depend on automatic application of pesticides. Instead, pests are monitored by regular and careful inspections. The inspections also identify conditions contributing to pest problems. It is then decided what actions are necessary, if any, based on the biology and habits of the pests involved. Priority is given to non-chemical pest management techniques, particularly those that can prevent a recurrence of the problem. Pesticides are used when necessary, but only in a way that minimizes potential exposure to people and the environment. Records are kept to track problems, prevent recurrences, and evaluate the results of pest management actions.

B. What are the names of the pesticides and bait stations that may be used on school property. This includes but is not limited to:



Fipronil
Boric Acid
Deltamethrin
Methoprene
Foramsulfuron
Imazapyr

Hydroprene Pyrethrin Cyfluthrin Glyphosate Allethrin Cyhalothrin Indoxacarb Propoxur Imidacloprid Pendimethalin Amorphous Silica Isopropylamine Salt Dithiopyr Trifluralin Isoxaben Permethrin Brodifacoum Piperonyl

### C. Who is the person that I may call if I have any questions?

Mr. David Fulton
Environmental/Safety Specialist
Facility Services Department
Wicomico County Public Schools
(410) 677-4593 or dfulton@wcboe.org

Mr. Fulton, identified above as the contact person, will also have the product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for all pesticides and bait stations that are listed above. In addition, product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for any newly introduced pesticides not currently

included on the pesticide list but used on school property will also be kept by Mr. Fulton. This information is available at your school and at the following location: Facilities Department, Wicomico County Public Schools, 900 Mt Hermon Road, Salisbury, Maryland 21804 and is available for your review at any time. Mr. Fulton is also available for any additional information you may need and will be happy to listen to any comments you may have.

### D. Notifications before pesticide use

Additional notifications throughout the school year will be sent to all students, parents/guardians, and staff members in an elementary school before any applications of a pesticide are made in a school building or to school grounds. These written notices will be sent home with each student and provided to each staff member at least 24 hours before each application, and within 24 hours after an emergency pesticide is applied. Please remember that the concept behind an Integrated Pest Management Plan is to utilize all other non-chemical means to eliminate pests before a pesticide is used. It is our intention to continue to adhere to this practice.

Each Middle School and High School shall develop a pesticide notification list of each student, staff and parent/guardian who requests in writing to have prior notification of a pesticide application during the school year. A list of these individuals will be maintained at your school's office and at the WCPS Facility Services. Further questions and additional information can be obtained by contacting Mr. David Fulton, Environmental/Safety Specialist at (410) 677–4593 or <a href="mailto:drugold-developer-develo

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We understand that certain individuals may have conditions that could be aggravated by the pesticides listed above. If you are affected by any of these pesticides and want to be notified at least 24 hours before each application, please complete the Chemical Sensitivity Registry below and return it to your school.

# (Not Required) CHEMICAL SENSITIVITY REGISTRY

Date: School Name:
Student's (Staff) Name:
Name of Parent or Guardian:
Address:
Telephone Number: