

Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice

For School Year 2024 - 2025

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. [insert name of school or school district] has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for Teaneck Public Schools is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Anthony D'Angelo

Business Phone number: 201-833-5526

Business Address: 491 West Englewood Avenue, Teaneck, NJ 07666

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan Whittier Elementary School may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

The following pesticides have been used at this location in the past 12 months:

Trade Name	Common Name	EPA Registration #
Maxforce Fleet Ant Gel.	Fipronil	MAX #610

7422 INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

The Teaneck Public School district shall develop and maintain an Integrated Pest Management plan. The plan shall implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests and minimize exposure of children, faculty and staff to pesticides.

Development of IPM Plans

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop and maintain an IPM plan. The IPM plan shall be a "blueprint" of how the Teaneck Public Schools will manage pests through IPM methods. The IPM plan shall state the district's goals regarding the management of pests and the use of pesticides. It shall reflect the district's site-specific needs. The IPM plan shall provide a description of how each component of the IPM policy will be implemented.

Integrated Pest Management Coordinator and Procedures

The Director of Facilities shall serve as the IPM Coordinator and will monitor implementation of IPM procedures, determine when to control pests and whether to use related mechanical, physical, cultural, biological or chemical methods, applying IPM principles to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

The District shall consider the full range of management options, including no action at all. Non-pesticide pest management methods will be used whenever possible. The choice of using a pesticide shall be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not effective or not reasonable. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, low impact pesticides and methods are preferred and shall be considered for use first.

Education/Training

The school community will be advised regarding potential pest problems and IPM methods used to achieve the pest management objectives.

The IPM Coordinator, other school staff and pesticide applicators involved with implementation of this policy will be trained in appropriate components of IPM as it pertains to the school environment.

Record Keeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet State requirements. Records shall include, but are not limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non-pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

Notification/Posting

The IPM Coordinator shall ensure timely notification to students' parents/guardians and the school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the Integrated Pest Management Act.

Re-entry

Re-entry to a pesticide-treated area shall conform to the requirements of the Integrated Pest Management Act.

Pesticide Applicators

The IPM coordinator shall ensure that applicators follow State law, including licensing requirements and label precautions, and must comply with all components of this Policy.

Evaluation

The Superintendent will annually review the effectiveness of the IPM plan and any recommendations for improvement.

Adopted: August, 2004

Legal and Cross
References:

The School Integrated Pest Management Act
of 2002
N.J.A.C. Title 7 Chapter 30 Subchapters 1-
12
Pesticide Control Act of 1971