

*Garrett County Board of Education
40 South Second Street
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To: Students, Parents, Teachers, and Employees

From: William Swift, Director of Facilities, Maintenance & Operations

Date: August 2017

Subject: Integrated Pest Management and Notification Requirements for Maryland Public Schools

For the 2017-2018 school year, public schools are required to provide certain information to parents/guardians of students in the schools, to students, and to staff members about the school's Integrated Pest Management (IPM) System and about pesticide applications in school buildings and on school grounds. Notification requirements vary, depending on the grade level of the schools, type of pesticide applied, and the pesticide application method. This memo outlines the Garrett County Schools IPM policy and procedures.

Policy Statement

Structural and landscape pests can pose significant problems to people, property, and the environment. It is therefore the policy of the Garrett County Public School System to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for control of structural and landscape pests.

Integrated Pest Management Procedure

IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural, or biological means. IPM practitioners depend on current, comprehensive information on the pest and its environment and the best available pest control methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest activity and damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

The choice of using a pesticide will be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not acceptable or are not feasible. Cost or staffing considerations alone will not be adequate justification for use of chemical control agents, and selected non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible to provide the desired control. It is the policy of this School System to utilize IPM principles to manage pest populations adequately. The full range of alternatives, including no action, will be considered.

When it is determined that a pesticide must be used in order to meet important management goals, the least hazardous material will be chosen. The application of pesticides is subject to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act, School System policies and procedures, Environmental Protection Agency regulations in 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Occupational Safety and Health Administration regulations, and state and local regulations.

Record Keeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained at each school to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agencies and the School System. A product label or Safety Data Sheet of each pesticide that may be applied will be maintained at the school and is available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student.

Notification

The School System assumes responsibility to notify the parents/guardians of students in the schools, students, and school staff of upcoming pesticide treatments. Notices will be sent home with ALL elementary school students. Notices will be given to middle and high school students who request to be informed in advance of pesticide applications. All notices will be sent home 24 hours before the pesticide is applied, unless it's an emergency application. Notice will also be posted in designated areas at the school.

Parents/guardians of middle or high school students and staff members that would like prior notification of pesticide use, must provide a written request to the respective school principal. (See attached form)

Emergency Use of Pesticides

A pesticide may be applied in an emergency situation without prior written notification to a parent, guardian, student, or staff member. However, notification will be provided within 24 hours after the pesticide application, or on the next school day.

Pesticides

The following is a list of the pesticides and bait stations, by common name, that may be used in school buildings during the school year.

boric acid	bromadiolone
bendiocarb	silica gel
pyrethrin	cypluthrin
sulfuramid	

Copies of Safety Data Sheets and product labels for each pesticide and bait station used on school property are maintained by the school contact person. Persons wishing to review this information should contact the school administration to arrange an appointment.

For additional information about the Integrated Pest Management Program, please contact Matthew Zimmerman, Manager of Operations and Building Inspector, Garrett County Board of Education, 770 Dennett Road, Oakland, MD 21550 or 301-334-7651.

Complete and return the attached survey form to the school principal **ONLY** when you are requesting prior notification of pesticide use.

Note: For Middle/High School Students and School Staff - Please complete and return the attached form to the school principal, **ONLY** if prior notification is requested of pesticide use. This form is not required for Elementary School Students since notification will be sent home with all students prior to each pesticide use.

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PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION REQUEST FORM
(Students/Parents/Guardians/Staff)

_____ (School Name) will maintain the Pesticide Use Notification List for the 2017-2018 school year and will provide notification of pesticide applications as requested. If you wish to be placed on the "Notification List" please provide the following information and return to the school by **SEPTEMBER 8, 2017**.

PARENT/GUARDIAN/STAFF MEMBER INFORMATION:

(Circle one of the above)

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

ADDRESS: _____
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

TELEPHONE: DAY _____ EVENING _____

STUDENT INFORMATION:

NAME: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

ADDRESS: _____
(Street Address) (City, State, Zip)

PARENT SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____