

PEST MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

The Granby Public Schools is committed to providing a safe and properly maintained environment for all staff, students and visitors. To achieve this end, the Granby Public Schools will implement integrated pest management procedures for its buildings and grounds.

The integrated pest management procedures shall include implementation of appropriate prevention and control strategies, notification of certain pesticide and herbicide uses, record keeping, education, and evaluation. (See IPM plan)

Integrated pest management procedures will determine when to control pests and what method of control to choose. Strategies for managing pest population will be influenced by the pest species, location, and whether and at what population level its presence poses a threat to people, property, or the environment. The full range of action alternatives, including no action, will always be considered.

I. OVERVIEW AND GOALS

- A.** The Granby Public Schools shall develop and implement an integrated pest management program. (See IPM plan)
- B.** An integrated pest management program is a pest control approach that emphasizes using a balanced combination of approaches that emphasizes using a balanced combination of tactics (cultural, mechanical, biological, chemical) to reduce pests to a tolerable level while using pesticides as a last resort to minimize health, environmental, and economic risks.
- C.** Pesticides and herbicides will be used according to the specifications of the IPM plan.
- D.** The integrated pest management program shall strive to:
 - 1. Reduce any potential human health hazard.
 - 2. Reduce loss or damage to school structures or property.
 - 3. Minimize the risk of pests from spreading in the community.
 - 4. Enhance the quality of facility use for school and community.
 - 5. Minimize health, environmental, and economic risks.

II. RESTRICTIONS ON USE OF PESTICIDES AND HERBICIDES

- A.** Pesticides will be used according to the specifications of the IPM plan.
- B.** Application of pesticides may only be accomplished according to the specifications of the IPM plan.

III. NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE USE

- A.** When pesticides are used outdoors, notice (which may occur via electronic means) of their use will be provided to parents, staff, and students depending on category as described in the IPM plan.
- B.** Pesticides, used in a building, will be used in accordance with the IPM plan.

IV. RECORD-KEEPING

- A.** The Granby Public Schools will keep or cause to be kept a record of pesticides used, amounts and locations of treatments, and will keep or cause to be kept any Material Safety Data Sheets, product labels, and manufacturer information on ingredients related to the application of the pesticides.
- B.** All records of pesticides used and correspondence regarding such use will be available for public review upon notice and during normal school hours.

V. STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES AND EDUCATION

- A.** Designated staff (School Nutrition, Buildings and Grounds, etc.) may participate in sanitation and pest exclusion procedures appropriate to their roles. For example: keeping doors closed, repairing cracks, removing food waste within twelve (12) hours, keeping lids on garbage receptacles, and keeping vegetation properly cut back.
- B.** Ongoing education of all appropriate employees will be a priority to ensure a safe and clean environment.

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