

New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002

The New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 requires schools to implement a school Integrated Pest Management policy. The law requires that the Superintendent of Schools implement an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedure to control pests and minimize exposure of children, faculty and staff to pesticides.

Voorhees Township will develop and maintain an IPM plan. The plan will be maintained by the Director of Building and Grounds in coordination with the Assistant Superintendent of Business/Board Secretary.

## INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PROCEDURES

Implementation of IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological or chemical methods. Applying IPM principles prevents 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 are to be used whenever possible. The choice of using a pesticide shall be based on a review of all 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.

Development of IPM Plans

The district IPM Plan is a blueprint of how Voorhees Township will manage pests through IPM methods. The district IPM Plan states the district's goals regarding the management of pests and the use of pesticides. It reflects the district's site-specific needs. The IPM plan shall provide a description of how each component of the district's IPM policy will be implemented at each school. The Director of Buildings and Grounds in collaboration with the School Principal, shall be responsible for the development of the IPM plan for each school.

IPM Coordinator

The Director of Buildings and Grounds is designated as the Integrated Pest Management Coordinator, who is responsible for the implementation of the school's Integrated Pest Management policy.

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Each school year the IPM policy will be placed in the Voorhees Public Schools Information Guide. The school community will be educated about 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 the school's IPM policy will be trained in appropriate components of IPM as it pertains to the school environment.

Students, parents/guardians will be provided information on this policy and instructed on how they can contribute to the success of the IPM program.

Record Keeping

Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency and the school board.

Records shall also include, but are not limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non-pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

Notification/Posting

The Director of Buildings and Grounds of the Voorhees Public Schools is responsible for timely notification to students, parents or guardians and the school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the School IPM Act. The district will only use low impact pesticides (baits, traps, gels, etc.) if at all possible. If any other application is to be used students, parents and staff will be notified in writing 72 hours in advance. If such an application is required, the district will make every effort to schedule the application during a period when school is not in session.

Re-entry

Re-entry to a pesticide treated area shall conform to the requirements of the School IPM Act.

Pesticide applicators

The IPM coordinator shall ensure that applicators follow state regulations, including licensing requirements and label precautions and must comply with all components of the School IPM Policy.

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Annually, the Director of Buildings and Grounds will report to the Board of Education on the effectiveness of the IPM plan and make recommendations for improvement as needed.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent to develop regulations and procedures for the implementation of this policy.

Authorizing Regulatory references including definitions:

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