

Annual Notification of Pest Management Program

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the North Carolina School Children's Health Act. Scotland County Schools has adopted an integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that minimizes pesticide use in our schools and on school grounds. IPM is explained further in the school's Pest Management Policy, a copy of which is included with this notice.

The IPM Coordinator for our school district is:

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 Director Plant Operations/Maintenance
 910-276-8912 ext. 22
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 15901 McFarland Road, Laurinburg, NC 28396

The **IPM Coordinator** and your on-site contact maintain the pesticide product label and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The **label and the MSDS** are available for review upon request by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to help answer any questions you might have about the school system's pest management program and pesticide use decisions.

Notification of Pesticide use: Our school system may find it necessary to use pesticides to control pest at your school system site. North Carolina state law gives you the right to be notified annually of our school system's pesticide application schedule, and 72 hours in advance of pesticide applications made outside that schedule, but the latter only if you request notification ahead of time using the enclosed form.

Exemptions: Certain relatively low-risk pesticides are exempted from these notification requirements, including antimicrobial cleansers, disinfectants, self-contained baits and crack-and crevice treatments, and any pesticide products classified by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as belonging to the US EPA's Toxicity Class IV, "relatively nontoxic." Your right to be notified extends to all non exempt pesticide applications at your school or other non-school site (office building, garage, workshop, etc.), both indoor and outdoor pesticide applications, and including applications that take place over the summer recess, holidays, weekends, or after school hours.

Emergency Pesticide Use: In the event that a non-exempt pesticide must be used for a pest control emergency at your school or other site and there is not adequate time to notify you more than 72 hours in advance, and you have requested advance notice, you will receive a notice of emergency pesticide application less than 72 hours before, or as soon as possible after the pesticide application.

To request advanced notification of non-exempt pesticide applications at your school or other site, please return the enclosed form to Scotland County Schools, 15901 McFarland Road, Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352. People wishing to receive pesticide use notification for multiple school district sites can list up to 5 sites on each form. You will need to submit a new copy of this form each year, and every time you wish to update or change your preferred contact information.

Additional copies of this form are available by contacting Roger Ammons, 15901 McFarland Road, Laurinburg, North Carolina 28352, by download from our website scsnc.org, or by visiting address above.

Integrated Pest Management

Pests are significant problems for people and property. The pesticides that are commonly used in pest control may pose potential risks to human health and the environment. The Board is committed to maintaining a safe educational environment while also protecting the physical conditions of school facilities. To this end, the Board will utilize Integrated Pest Management (IPM) programs or incorporate IPM procedures into the maintenance program conducted by the school system. The superintendent will appoint an IPM contact person to facilitate the use of IPM techniques. As necessary, the Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services will develop administrative procedures for the IPM program.

OVERVIEW OF INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM)

IPM is a comprehensive approach that combines effective, economic, environmentally sound, and socially acceptable methods to prevent and solve pest problems. IPM emphasizes pest prevention and provides a decision-making process for determining if, when and where pest suppression is needed and what control tactics are appropriate.

The Scotland County Schools IPM program will strive to do the following:

- Minimize any potential health, environmental and economic risks from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
- Minimize loss or damage to school structures or property from pests or from the use of pest control methods;
- Minimize the risk of pests spreading into the community;
- Enhance the quality of facility use for the school and community.

Pesticides will not be used based solely on a schedule, but only as needed to achieve the pest management goals.

USE OF IPM IN FACILITY AND MAINTENANCE OPERATIONS

The Scotland County School district shall include pest management considerations in facilities planning, design, and maintenance. The IPM contact person, in conjunction with the school district's contracted pest management professional will recommend to the Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services any landscaping, structural modifications, and sanitation changes needed to reduce or prevent pest problems. The Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services will review such recommendations and may authorize action to address necessary minor changes in a timely manner, as the budget permits. For significant changes or changes that require a significant expenditure of funds, the Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services will recommend changes to the board for approval.

PROVIDING INFORMATION ON IPM TO THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Staff, students, pest managers, parents and the public will be informed about potential school pest problems, school IPM policies and procedures, and their respective roles in achieving the desired pest management objectives.

RECORDKEEPING

Records of all pest management activities shall be maintained, including inspection records, monitoring records, pest surveillance data sheets or other indicators of pest populations, and a record of structural repairs and modifications. If pesticides are used, records shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency and school board.

Request for Notification before Non-Exempt Pesticide Applications

Dear IPM Coordinator,
Scotland County Schools,

I am writing to request notification in advance of non-exempt pesticide applications at my child's school, and/or at the school or other site where I am employed by the school district, as per my legal right under the NC School Children's Health Act.

I understand that I can request 72 hour advanced notification for pesticide applications that are not already listed on the school district's annual schedule, if it has one. If there is an annual schedule of pesticide applications for my school site, it has been sent to me, and I can view it at any time by contacting the IPM Coordinator or visiting the Scotland County Schools website, www.scsnc.org.

I also understand that notification requirements apply to all non-exempt pesticide applications at the relevant school or other non-school site (office building, garage, workshop, etc.), both indoor and outdoor pesticide applications, and including applications planned for summer recess, holidays, weekends, or after school.

Pesticide products exempt from notification requirements include: antimicrobial cleansers, disinfectants, self-contained baits and crack-and-crevice treatments, and any pesticide products classified by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as belonging to the US EPA Toxicity Class IV, "relatively nontoxic."

In addition, I understand that should a pest control emergency require a pesticide application for which there is not adequate time to notify me 72 hours in advance, I will receive a notice of emergency pesticide use less than 72 hours, or as soon as possible after, the emergency pesticide application.

I am requesting notification of pesticide use in the following schools or other sites:

Name of Student or Employee: _____
School or other site, homeroom or office number

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I would like my primary notification method to be (please check one)

Mail.
Mailing address: _____

Phone:
Home Phone: _____
Work phone: _____
Mobile or other phone: _____

Email
Address: _____

In case of a problem with my primary notification method, I would like my back up notification method to be (please check one):

Mail.
Mailing address: _____

Phone:
Home phone: _____
Work phone: _____
Mobile or other phone: _____

Email.
Address: _____

I understand that it is my responsibility to maintain communication through means I have designated above, and that the school is required to try to contact me only once about a pesticide application. If I do not receive the notification because I have not updated my mailing address; my voicemail or answering machine are full or not functioning; or because my email account is not functioning, over quota, or notification from the school is auto-filtered as spam; it is my responsibility to correct the problem. Though they will attempt to alert me to the issue, the school system is not liable.

Sincerely,

Full Name (please print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____