

3524.1: **Non-Instructional Operations Hazardous Materials in Schools**

Pesticide Application

The intent of this policy is to ensure that students, employees and parents/guardians receive adequate notice, in conformity with applicable statutes, prior to pesticide application in school buildings and on school grounds. The district shall employ only certified pesticide applicators for non-emergency pesticide use in school buildings or on school grounds.

The application of lawn care pesticides on the grounds of the schools with students in grade eight or lower must be according to an integrated pest management plan (IPM). Such application is prohibited starting July 1, 2009 except in emergencies. An emergency application may be made to eliminate a human health threat in any school with students through grade eight as determined by the Superintendent of Schools.

The Superintendent or designee shall:

- Provide to students, parents/guardians and employees, in the manner required by law, notice of planned pesticide application;
- post the areas scheduled to receive pesticide application(s);
- maintain for five years written records of all pesticide applications;
- provide continuing instruction to those students who, based upon written medical request, find it necessary to absent themselves during the period of application, annually inform parents/guardians and staff of the district's pesticide application//management policy and establish a registry of parents/guardians and staff who indicate a desire, in writing, to receive advance notice of all pesticide use and provide such notice as required by law.

Pest control applicators employed by the District shall provide the Superintendent or designee with notice at least seventy-two (72) hours prior to the date and time the pesticide application is to occur, including in such notice the brand name, concentration, rate of application, pesticide label, material safety data sheet, list of the area or areas where the pesticide is to be applied and any use restrictions required by the pesticide label.

When pesticide applications are performed by public health agencies or emergency applications are performed because of immediate threat to the public health, the applicator shall give the Superintendent or designee and the building administrator or designee oral and, if possible, written notice with posting of the area to be treated. The Superintendent or designee shall require these pest control applicators to make the required postings in accordance with all applicable statutes and with district policy and regulations. The name and address of the applicator shall be a part of any posting.

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In case of pesticide applications performed for or by public health agencies or emergency applications because of immediate threat to the public health, the licensed applicator shall give the school site office oral and, if possible, written notice, with posting of the area to be treated.

The Superintendent or his/her designee may require the pest control applicator to make the required postings in accordance with all applicable statutes and with District policy and regulations. The name and address of the applicator shall be a part of any posting.

Someone other than a certified pesticide applicator may apply a pesticide in an emergency to eliminate an immediate human health threat when (1) it is impractical to obtain the services of a certified pesticide applicator and (2) a restricted use pesticide is not used, as defined in C.G.S. 22a-47

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Pesticide purchases shall be limited to amounts authorized by the Superintendent or designee for use during the year. Pesticides shall be stored in a secure site not accessible to students or unauthorized staff. They shall be stored and disposed of in accordance with EPA registered label directions and applicable statutes.

Definitions

Pesticides are defined as fungicides used on plants, insecticides, herbicides or rodenticides, but not sanitizers, disinfectants, antimicrobial agents or pesticide baits.

Integrated pest management is the use of all available pest control measures, including the judicious use of pesticides when warranted to maintain a pest population at or below an acceptable level while decreasing the unnecessary use of pesticides.. Such plan is consistent with an applicable model plan provided by the Commissioner of Environmental Protection under section 22a-661.

Lawn care pesticides are pesticides registered by the EPA and labeled according to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act for lawn, garden and ornamental use.

The Superintendent shall prepare and disseminate regulations for the implementation of this policy.

Legal Reference

Connecticut General Statutes

10-2316 Pesticide Application at schools. Authorized applicators, Exception

10-2310 Pesticide Applications at schools without an integrated pest management plan

22a-46. Short title: Connecticut Pesticide Control Act.

22a-54. Pesticide applicators, certification, classification, notice, fees, reciprocity; financial responsibility; aircraft, tree, public employee applicators.

22a-58. Records to be kept by distributors and applicators.

23-61a. Definitions. Tree protection examining Board within Department of Consumer Protection Regulations.

23-61b. Licensing for arboriculture; examination; fees, renewal; suspension, revocation. Non-residents. Records, Pesticides'

Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) 7

U.S. Code 136et seq.

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