

PESTICIDE USE IN SCHOOLS

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Westford Public Schools shall abide by the provisions of the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture Pesticide Bureau, Chapter 85 of the Act of 2000, “An Act to Protect Children and Families from Harmful Pesticides.” This act is committed to providing a safe and properly maintained environment for all staff, students and visitors. To achieve this end, the School District will implement an integrated pest management (IPM) program for its buildings and grounds. An integrated pest management program is a pest control approach that emphasizes the use of a balanced combination of tactics (cultural, mechanical, biological, chemical) to reduce pests to a tolerable level while using pesticides and herbicides as a last resort to minimize health, environmental and economic risks. 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.

The integrated pest management procedures shall include implementation of appropriate prevention and control strategies, notification of pesticide and herbicide use as recorded in “An Act to Protect Children and Families from Harmful Pesticides”, record keeping, education and evaluation.

References:

Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture Pesticide Bureau, Chapter 85 of the Act of 2000, An Act to Protect Children and Families from Harmful Pesticides.

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