

Pesticide Management/Pesticide Application

The Wallingford Board of Education believes that structural and landscape pests can pose significant hazards to people, property, and the environment. Pests are living organisms such as plants, animals, or microorganisms that interfere with human uses for the school site. Strategies for managing pest populations will be influenced by pest species and the degree to which that population poses a threat to people, property, or the environment. The intent of this policy is to:

1. Reduce any potential human health hazard;
2. Provide a safe and healthy learning environment for students, staff, and all others who use district buildings and grounds;
3. Prevent loss or damage to school structures or property; and
4. Prevent pests from spreading in the community or to plant and animal populations beyond the site.

To these ends, the Wallingford Public Schools shall manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Pesticide management procedures will be delineated in the district's integrated pest management (IPM) plan which shall be consistent with all IPM procedures established by state statutes. Copies of the IPM plan shall be available upon request from the district's Department of Buildings and Grounds.

Annually, the district shall provide the staff of each school and the parents or guardians of each student enrolled in each school with a written summary of the integrated pest management plan for the school, including the procedures for registering to be notified in advance of pesticide applications at the school.

Legal References: Connecticut General Statutes
10-231-a-d. An act concerning notice of pesticide application in schools and day care centers.
22a-46-66. Connecticut Pesticide Control Act
23-61b. Licensing for arboriculture; examination; fees; renewal; suspension; revocation. Nonresidents. Records. Pesticides.

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