

Rules for Pesticides in Schools



A CHECKLIST FOR SCHOOL STAFF WHO APPLY PESTICIDES

Children are more sensitive than adults to the potential toxic effects of pesticides. To protect our children, Oregon law requires additional measures and restrictions when pesticides are used on a school campus (Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 634.700-634.750). **Make sure to read your school's specific Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan.**

Do You Have an Appropriate Pesticide Applicator License?

You must have an active license to apply pesticides (including baits) on a school campus. Your supervisor's or co-worker's license is not a substitute. If you have questions contact the Oregon Department of Agriculture.

Has the School Coordinator Authorized the Use of a "Low-Impact" Pesticide?

If unsure, contact the IPM Coordinator: _____.

You must not make applications that the School IPM Coordinator has not authorized.

Has the School Coordinator Declared a "Pest Emergency"?

This is not common. If not, then only approved "low-impact" pesticides must be used.

Provide Application Information to School Coordinator.

At least 24 hours prior to a pesticide application, the School IPM Coordinator must provide written notice of the application to parents, students, and staff. Please provide the following information:

- Trade name of pesticide product(s)
- Type of pesticide (i.e. herbicide, etc.)
- EPA Registration Number(s)
- Expected date of application
- Expected area of application
- Reason for the application

Are You Posting Signs Around Application Areas?

Warning signs must be displayed at least 24 hours prior to a pesticide application (including baits) and they must stay in place for at least 72 hours (3 days) after an application. If you are not sure of what is expected, please contact the School IPM Coordinator. The sign must include: "Warning: Pesticide-Treated Area", the expected or actual date and time of application, and the phone number of a contact person (can be any school employee).

Provide Additional Records After Application.

The School IPM Coordinator must also keep pesticide application records. They can't do this without information from you! Please provide the following information:

- Copy of pesticide label and Safety Data Sheet
- Amount & concentration applied
- Description of application location
- Application method & equipment used
- Applicator Information (Full Name & License #)
- Was the application effective?
- Date & time of sign posting and removal

OSU School IPM Program

For information on school pests, sample IPM forms and other resources, visit www.blogs.oregonstate.edu/schoolipm

National Pesticide Information Center

For general questions about pesticides, including the potential risk to humans, pets, or the environment, call (800) 858-7378.

ODA Pesticides Program

635 Capitol St. NE, Salem, OR 97301
Web: oda.direct/IPMSchools
Phone: (503) 986-4635

EXCERPTS FROM OREGON LAW PERTAINING TO PESTICIDE USE IN SCHOOLS

ORS 634.700(4) "Low-impact pesticide" means a product that does not contain a pesticide product or active ingredient described in ORS 634.705 (5).

ORS 634.705(5) A governing body shall adopt a list of low-impact pesticides for use with the integrated pest management plan. The governing body may include any product on the list except products that:

- (a) Contain a pesticide product or active ingredient that has the signal words "warning" or "danger" on the label;
- (b) Contain a pesticide product classified as a human carcinogen or probable human carcinogen under the United States Environmental Protection Agency 1986 Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment; or
- (c) Contain a pesticide product classified as carcinogenic to humans or likely to be carcinogenic to humans under the United States Environmental Protection Agency 2003 Draft Final Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment. [2009 c.501 §3]

Oregon State University Low-Impact List: goo.gl/mtWL8v

ORS 634.725 Application of low-impact pesticide. If a school has followed the integrated pest management plan and nonchemical pest control measures were ineffective, subject to ORS 634.730 the integrated pest management plan coordinator may authorize the application of a low-impact pesticide. The low-impact pesticide application must be made by a pesticide applicator or by a public applicator. The use of a pesticide applicator or public applicator to make an application does not cancel, alter or reassign any of the duties imposed under ORS 634.740 or 634.750. [2009 c.501 §5]

ORS 634.730(3) An integrated pest management plan coordinator, after consultation with school faculty and administration, may declare the existence of a pest emergency. If necessary, a pesticide other than a low-impact pesticide may be used to mitigate a declared pest emergency. If a pesticide is applied at a campus due to a pest emergency, the plan coordinator shall review the integrated pest management plan to determine whether modification of the plan might prevent future pest emergencies. The plan coordinator shall submit any recommendations for modification of the plan to the governing body. The governing body shall review and take formal action on the recommendations. [2009 c.501 §6]

ORS 634.700(1) "Campus" means the buildings, other structures, playgrounds, athletic fields and parking lots of a school and any other areas on the school property that are accessed by students on a regular basis.

ORS 634.700(2) "Governing body" means a board of directors, agency or other body or person having policymaking and general oversight responsibility for a community college district, education service district, school district, other unit of education governance, private school or other educational entity.

ORS 634.700(5) "Pest" means:

- (a) An insect or other arthropod;
- (b) A weed, moss, slime or mildew or a plant disease caused by a fungus, bacterium or virus;
- (c) A nematode, snail, slug, rodent or predatory animal;
- (d) A bacterium, spore, virus, fungus or other microorganism that is harmful to human health; or
- (e) Other forms of plant or animal life that may infest or be detrimental to vegetation, humans, animals, structures, managed landscapes or other human environments.

ORS 634.700(6) "Pest emergency" means an urgent need to eliminate or mitigate a pest situation that threatens:

- (a) The health or safety of students, staff, faculty members or members of the public using the campus; or
- (b) The structural integrity of campus facilities.

ORS 634.700(8) "School" means:

- (a) A facility operating an Oregon prekindergarten or a federal Head Start program;
- (b) A public or private educational institution offering education in all or part of kindergarten through grade 12;
- (c) An education service district as defined in ORS 334.003;
- (d) A community college as defined in ORS 341.005, for the community college's own buildings and ground maintenance;
- (e) The Oregon School for the Deaf; and
- (f) A regional residential academy operated by the Oregon Youth Authority. [2009 c.501 §2; 2011 c.9 §82; 2013 c.241 §3]