



ODA Pesticide Advisory

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Reminder and updates to the School IPM law

The Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA) is reaching out to remind Oregon school boards and governing bodies about the School Integrated Pest Management (IPM) law* and some recent changes that will become effective on January 1, 2026. This law helps promote a healthy school environment by setting minimum standards for pest management practices, which include, but not limited, to restrictions on pesticide use, and requirements for notification and recordkeeping.

School boards (and other school governing bodies) have certain responsibilities under state law, including:

- Adopting an IPM plan that meets or exceeds the standards of the law.
- Designating a coordinator for each school to implement and oversee the IPM plan.
- Providing a process for responding to inquiries and complaints.
- Adopting a list of low-impact pesticides that meet or exceed the standards of the law.
- Providing a process for conducting outreach to the school community.
- New (effective January 1, 2026): Review and readopt the IPM Plan at least every five years, with the adoption date clearly shown.**
- New (effective January 1, 2026): Post the IPM Plan and list of low-impact pesticides on the governing body's website, either alone or with the Healthy and Safe Schools Plan.

Additionally, school employees and others that apply pesticides on school campuses must be properly licensed by ODA, and meet other requirements. The fact sheets below provide a quick summary of some of the requirements. Please distribute these to your staff and others as you see fit.

- Checklist for School Employees: <https://oda.direct/IPMSchoolsStaff>
- Checklist for Commercial Applicators: <https://oda.direct/IPMSchoolsCPA>

* School IPM Law (ORS 634.700–ORS 634.750): <https://oda.fyi/ORS634700>

** For IPM plans adopted before January 1, 2026, review, update, and readopt by January 1, 2027, or five years from the last approval—whichever is later.

Resources

- **Stay in touch.** Subscribe for the latest updates and sign up for School Integrated Pest Management alerts at: <https://oda.direct/IPMSchoolsInfo> (this subscription notifies users by email when additional School Integrated Pest Management information is available).
- **Questions regarding educational opportunities** can be directed to the OSU School IPM Program, <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/schoolipm>
- **Additional information and resources** on the school IPM law may be found at <http://oda.direct/IPMSchools>
- **New training modules** on School IPM Requirements are available at <https://oda.fyi/ipmschoolsplaylist> (Additional modules will be added as they are)
- **National Pesticide Information Center:** 1.800.858.7378; npic@ace.orst.edu; <http://npic.orst.edu>

For additional information on this topic or if you have questions, please contact the Department of Agriculture at pesticide-expert@oda.oregon.gov or 503.986.4635. *If you would like to discuss this topic and need a free language interpreter present, call 503-986-4635 to make arrangements or email (pesticide-expert@oda.oregon.gov) with your name, requested language, phone number, and best time to call.*

