



Cedar Grove Public Schools

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Annual Notification of the School Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") Program

Dear Parent/Guardian:

The Cedar Grove School District uses an Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") approach to managing pests. The goal of IPM is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. The IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We regularly monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present, as well as any conditions that are conducive to future pest problems.

The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, office and teaching staff. Pest sightings, if any, are reported to our IPM Coordinator and recorded in pest sighting logbooks. The IPM Coordinator evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to eradicate the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

As part of a school pest management program, the Cedar Grove School District may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary exposure.

A pesticide will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When a pesticide is necessary, the school will try to use the least toxic product that is effective. Applications will be made only when persons other than the Pest Management Professional will not be occupying the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior and will remain posted 72 hours after the pesticide application. Also, a notice will be effectuated to all parties as required by the School IPM Act (parents/guardians, faculty, etc.) **72 hours prior** to the application. The only exception will be when a pest problem is considered emergent; the notification will be effectuated 24 hours prior to the pesticide application.

An IPM informational binder, upgraded to include site specific protocols for each individual school, has been placed in the main office at each school, which includes all the necessary reporting forms and Material Safety Data Sheets ("MSDS") for all pesticides that have and/or may be used throughout the year. Each year, the school district is required to notify all parent(s)/guardian(s), staff members and students attending the school, of any pesticide applications that have been made in the past 12 months. In addition, the IPM Coordinator maintains the product label and MSDS, when available, of each pesticide used on school property. This information is available for review by any parent/guardian, staff member and student attending the school.

Meetings regarding the School Integrated Pest Management Program and/or adoption of the “IPM” Policy are scheduled for the following date: September 3, 2019 (In-service, times vary by building)

If you have any questions, please contact the IPM Coordinator:
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Low impact material used in our Integrated Pest Management Program:

Leonard R. Parks School: Advion Ant Gel, 20 grams

North End Elementary School: Advion Ant Gel, 50 grams
Harmonix Insect Spray, 0.25 quart-diluted

South End Elementary School: Advion Ant Gel, 20 grams
Harmonix Insect Spray, .05 quart-diluted

Cedar Grove High School: Advion Ant Gel, 60 grams
Delta Dust Insecticide 1.75 lb – used in drains
EZKLEEN Mice Station – used for granular bait placement
Maxforce Compete Granular – used in locked stations
Maxforce Carpenter Ant Gel, 120 grams
Maxforce FC Small Roach Stations
Maxforce Magnum Cockroach Gel Bait, 60 grams

Memorial Middle School: Advion Ant Gel, 75 grams

Non-low impact material used in our Integrated Pest Management Program:

Cedar Grove High School: Demand CS – Diluted, 2 gallons diluted
Gentrol-IGR Concentrate, 2 fl oz. diluted

Exempt material used in our Integrated Pest Management Program:

Leonard R. Parks School: Catchmaster Glue Trap Monitors
North End Elementary School: Catchmaster Glue Trap Monitors
South End Elementary School: Catchmaster Glue Trap Monitors
Memorial Middle School: Catchmaster Glue Trap Monitors
Catchmaster Mice Glue Boards
Cedar Grove High School: Catchmaster Glue Trap Monitors

Sincerely,

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