



Tabernacle Township Schools

132 New Road Tabernacle, NJ 08088

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Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice 2017-2018

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being published to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Tabernacle Township Schools has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the district's IPM Policy.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IMP Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for Tabernacle Township School District is:

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Kenneth R. Olson Middle School
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The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) when one is available, of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

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As part of a school pest management plan, Tabernacle Township 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 the 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 pesticide exposure.

IPM requires the use of the environmentally safest chemicals possible applied only when necessary. Chemicals will not be applied when children are present and as per guidelines, notice of application dates/times will be given prior to use. As part of our policy, the district will annually report general pest control activities. The product "Demand CS" has been used around the exterior of the schools over the past 12 months. Most areas receive treatment once per year in August, however this product may be applied as needed for special circumstances in designated areas during the school year to control target insects. The district also uses the product "Waspfreeze" as necessary to control stinging insects. Turf fields received a treatment of "2-4-D" in June 2017 for broadleaf weed control. District personnel applied the residential weed control product "Ground Clear" or "Round-Up" during summer months for weed control in parking lots and otherwise non-occupied exterior areas.

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