




# School Integrated Pest Management (SIPM)


## Act of 2002 (S.137/A.2841)

The ability to control school pests without using toxic chemicals are now readily available nationwide and have proven to be effective and economical. At least 20 New Jersey school districts in NJ have already adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM), including Dennis Township, Belmar, Eastern Camden County Regional, Evesham, Haddonfield, Princeton, Newark, and Hackensack.


The School Integrated Pest Management (SIPM) Act of 2002 (S.137/A.2841), with an effective date of June 2004, will help put the alternatives in place, as well as notification provisions that are crucial for parent and staff involvement.

The SIPM Act requirements go beyond the "Pesticide Control Act of 1971" by:


 Requiring **public, private and charter schools to adopt a school IPM** policy considering sanitation, structural repair, mechanical, biological, cultural and pesticide strategies that minimize health and environmental risks as developed by the NJDEP and Rutgers University.


 Requiring **written notification** to all parents, students and school staff 72 hours in advance of pesticide use. **Signs must also be posted** 72 hours prior to the pesticide application and remain for an additional 72 hours after treatment has been completed (see details on reverse side).




 Providing parents and school staff ongoing access to **health and toxicity information** on all pesticides used in schools, as well as part of the advance notification materials.


 **Exempting** antimicrobials, baits, gels, pastes and low impact pesticides from the notice and posting requirement.

 Requiring **record keeping** of pesticide use, designation of an **IPM coordinator** for each district, and **annual distribution of the IPM policy and pesticides used** to all parents and school staff.

 Establishing **7-hour delay in reentry** after pesticide applications are made via baseboard spraying, broadcast spraying, dusting, tenting or fogging, unless the pesticide label specifies a specific re-entry interval.



 Requiring notification and an explanation to parents and school staff within 24 hours if a school **pest emergency** requires a pesticide application.

 Requiring **notices of violation** to be sent by NJDEP, without monetary penalties being imposed on schools for failure to comply.

SIPM does not preempt a local school from adopting a policy that exceeds provisions of the act.

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## Parental & Staff Notification:



Application of a pesticide, other than a low impact pesticide\*, requires the school to provide written notice to the parent or guardian of each student and each staff member of a school 72 hours in advance of the application. The written notice may be: (a) sent home with students and provided to all staff members, (b) made by telephone call, (c) mailed one week before the application, and/or (d) sent through electronic mail.

### Notice includes:

1. The common name, trade name, and USEPA registration number of the pesticide.
2. A description of the location of the application of the pesticide.
3. A description of the date and time of application, except that in the case of outdoor pesticide application, one notice shall include three dates, in chronological order, on which the outdoor pesticide application may take place if the preceding date is cancelled.
4. A statement that The Office of Pesticide Programs of the USEPA has stated: "Where possible, persons who potentially are sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid any unnecessary pesticide exposure".
5. A description of potential adverse effects of the pesticides based on the material safety data sheet (MSDS), if available, for the pesticide.
6. A description of the reason for the application of the pesticide.
7. The name and telephone number of the integrated pest management coordinator for the school or school district.
8. Any additional label instructions and precautions related to public safety.



### Posting of Signs: 72 hours in advance of the application

A sign at least 8 ½ by 11 inches shall be posted adjacent to the location to be treated and at each entrance to the building or school ground to be treated. The sign shall remain for 72 hours after the treatment has been completed. In the case of an outdoor application, the sign shall include three dates, in chronological order, on which the outdoor application may take place if the preceding date is canceled due to weather.

\* **The following are exempt from 72-hour advance written notice and posting:** USEPA "exempt-from-registration" pesticides; gels; pastes; baits (indoors); disinfectants; boric acid; disodium octoborate tetrahydrate; silica gels; diatomaceous earth; Bt. and other microbe based insecticides; biological, living control agents; and botanical insecticides, not including synthetic pyrethroids, without toxic synergists.

#### **For IPM fact sheets and model policy:**

Rutgers IPM Website: <http://www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/IPM/SchoolIPM/index.htm>

#### **For downloadable free manuals and other materials:**

New Jersey school IPM manual: [www.pcpnj.org](http://www.pcpnj.org), then click on school IPM

IPM Institute of North America: [www.ipminstitute.org](http://www.ipminstitute.org)

Beyond Pesticides "Building Blocks for School Integrated Pest Management": [www.beyondpesticides.org/](http://www.beyondpesticides.org/)

#### **For information on pesticide licensing in NJ:**

NJ Dept. of Environmental Protection pesticide regulations/certification: [www.state.nj.us/dep/enforcement/pcp](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/enforcement/pcp)

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The model school integrated pest management policy and regulations were developed by the NJDEP in consultation with the Commissioner of Education, NJ Schools Boards Association, and NJ Cooperative Extension of Rutgers University.