

In Washington State, a new law requires public schools (K-12) to provide annual notification of their pest control policies and methods.

**Sumner School District
Standard Operating Procedures**

Title: Pesticide Notification, Posting and Record Keeping

Date:		Legal Reference	<u>RCW 17.21</u>
New:	10/15/02	SOP Number	<u>N/A</u>
Revised:	3/12/12	Contact Person	<u>Maintenance Office 253-891-6300</u>

- 1.0 This notification shall be posted on the District website and available to employees, students, and parents at any time.
- 2.0 At least 48 hours before the application of a pesticide to school grounds or facilities, the District shall notify guardians, parents, and staff of the planned application in writing, including the heading, "Notice: Pesticide Application." The notice shall be posted in a prominent place in the building office in addition to being provided to guardians, parents and staff who have requested notification. If the application is not made within 48 hours of the notice, another notification shall be made prior to the application. This pre-notification is not required in the case of any emergency application of pesticides to a school facility, such as an application to control stinging pests, but full notification shall be made as soon as possible after the application. This pre-notification is not required if the school grounds or facility will not be occupied by students for two days following the application.
- 3.0 Following the application of a pesticide to school facilities, a sign shall be posted at the location of the application. The notice shall be at least 8.5 x 11 inches in size, and shall state the product name; date, time and specific location of the application; the pest for which the application was made; and a contact name and phone number. The notice shall remain posted for 24 hours or longer, if required by the label of the pesticide.
- 4.0 Following the application of a pesticide to school grounds, a sign shall be posted at the location of the application and at each point of entry to the grounds. The notice shall be at least 4 x 5 inches in size, and shall state that the landscape recently has been treated with a pesticide and provide a contact name and phone number. The notice shall remain posted for 24 hours or longer if required by the label of the pesticide.
- 5.0 These notices are not required for the application of antimicrobial pesticides (substances used to sanitize or disinfect for microbial pests: viruses, bacteria, algae and protozoa). These notices are not required for the placement of insect or rodent bait that are not accessible to children.
- 6.0 The District shall comply with all legal requirements for record keeping regarding the application of pesticides to school grounds or school facilities. This includes creation of an annual summary report of pesticide usage. Such records will be available on request by interested persons under the state Public Records Act and other laws.
- 7.0 Pesticides that may regularly be applied are listed on the reverse side.

Pesticides Regularly Applied and Application

Pesticide Definition:

- (a) Any substance or mixture of substances intended to prevent, destroy, control, repel, or mitigate any pest;
- (b) Any substance or mixture of substances intended to be used as a plant regulator, defoliant or desiccant; and
- (c) Any spray adjuvant, such as a wetting agent, spreading agent, deposit builder, adhesive, emulsifying agent, deflocculating agent, water modifier, or similar agent with or without toxic properties of its own intended to be used with any pesticide as an aid to the application or effect thereof, and sold in a package or container separate from that of the pesticide with which it is to be used.

Annually, the Sumner School District may apply pesticides, as per the definition above, to the District grounds and school facilities.

Fertilizers	Applied 2-6 times per year to all grass areas Applied by district employees
Fertilizer w/Moss Control	Applied in spring when necessary Applied by district employees
Fertilizer w/Weed Control	Applied when necessary Applied by district employees
Casoron™	Applied in early spring to shrub beds for weed control Applied by district employees
Round Up Pro™	Applied in early spring and late summer if necessary for weed control on baseball fields, tracks, and fence lines Applied by licensed vendor
Delta Dust™	Applied as needed for control of wasps and hornets indoors Applied by licensed vendor
Razor	Applied in early spring and late summer if necessary for weed control Applied by licensed vendor
Maki Paraffin Block	Applied as needed for rodent control Applied by licensed vendor
Talon Weather Block	Applied as needed for rodent control Applied by licensed vendor
Pendulam	Applied in spring and late summer if necessary for weed control Applied by licensed vendor
Suspend SC	Applied as needed for control of crawling insects Applied by licensed vendor
Termidor	Applied as needed for control of crawling insects Applied by licensed vendor
Micro-Gen ULD	Applied as needed for control of crawling insects Applied by licensed vendor
Tempo 20% Wettable Powder™	Applied as needed for ant and termite control on outside areas Applied by licensed vendor
Diazinon 50 W	Applied as needed for crawling insect control Applied by licensed vendor
Blu-Min	Applied as needed for moss control Applied by District Staff

The following products are not currently being used, but may be used in the future:

Enforcer™	Applied as needed for control of wasps and hornets outdoors Applied by district employees
Misty Wasp & Hornet Killer IIb™	Applied as needed for control of wasps and hornets indoors and outdoors Applied by district employees
SprayPak™	Applied as needed for control of flying and crawling insects indoors and Outdoors Applied by district employees
Weatherblok XT Rodenticide™	Applied as needed to control rodents inside of school facilities. Applied by licensed vendor
Diuron DF Herbicide™	Applied in early spring and late summer if necessary for weed control on baseball fields, tracks, and fence lines Applied by licensed vendor
Garlon 4 Herbicide™	Applied in early spring and late summer if necessary for weed control on baseball fields, tracks, and fence lines Applied by licensed vendor
Pre-M 3.3 EC	Applied in spring and late summer if necessary for weed control Applied by licensed vendor
Niban FG	Applied as needed for control of crawling insects Applied by licensed vendor

Triplet SF	Applied as needed for weed control Applied by licensed vendor
Premise 0.5	Applied as needed for control of crawling insects Applied by licensed vendor
Terro	Applied as needed for control of crawling insects Applied by licensed vendor

Pesticide Notification, Posting and Record Keeping Annual Notification

Much attention has been focused in recent years on the impact of pesticides on children's health. As a result of this attention and research into the environmental health risks of pesticides, federal laws related to pesticide registration have been changed. Additionally, numerous national, state and local efforts to minimize children's exposure to pesticides have been initiated.

In Washington state, a new law requires public schools (K-12) and licensed day-care centers to provide annual notification of their pest control policies and methods, establish a system to notify parents/guardians and employees of planned pesticide use, and post signs where pesticides have been used.

Attached to this newsletter is the annual notification of the procedures that have been developed by the Sumner School District to assure compliance with the requirements of the Pesticide Application Act.