

Saranac Central School District
Pesticide Notification Policy
And
Integrated Pest Management Program

Purpose

It is the purpose of this program to establish standard operating procedures for Saranac Central School District in the public notifications required for use of pesticides. In addition, the district shall promote the philosophy of least use and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in considering pesticide use at all district owned facilities.

Policy

It is the policy of the Saranac Central School District to perform all legally required notifications regarding the storage, application, use and disposal of pesticides on or in all district facilities, buildings and grounds. Such notifications shall be made in accordance with all local, state and federal regulations. It is also the policy of the district to follow the best management practices of an Integrated Pest Management Program and to minimize or eliminate the use of pesticides in the district.

New York State Education Law Section 409-H effective July 1, 2001 requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

Saranac Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- the school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following the application of pesticide that would otherwise dictate the use of a 48-hour notification:
- anti-microbial products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetra hydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps and hornets.

In the event of emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in our school buildings, please contact the District Office at 565-5600.

Please feel free to contact the Saranac Central School District IPM Coordinator Jamie Giroux at 565-5621 for further information on these requirements.