

## **ANNUAL PEST MANAGEMENT NOTIFICATION**

The Brunswick School Department uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to the control of insects, rodents, microorganisms, weeds and other pests in school buildings and on school grounds. IPM combines a variety of methods for managing pests including monitoring, improved sanitation and food storage practices, pest exclusion and removal, biological control, and pesticides. The objective of the IPM program is to provide effective pest control while minimizing pesticide use.

### **Pesticides**

Non-chemical pest management methods will be implemented whenever possible. However, sometimes pesticide use may be necessary to control a pest problem. When that happens, the school will use the least hazardous effective pesticide possible.

### **Notification**

In an effort to keep parents and staff better informed about unusual pest management situations, the Brunswick School Department has created a Notification Registry.

In order to receive notification, you must request to be placed on the school's notification registry. Notification will be given at least five days before the planned pesticide application. When required by law, pesticide application notices will be posted in school and on school grounds.

Notification need not be given for pesticide applications listed below that are recognized by law or regulations to pose little or no risk of exposure to students or staff.

1. non-volatile liquids injected into cracks, crevices or wall voids
2. non-volatile baits, gels, pastes, and granular materials placed in areas inaccessible to students
3. paints, stains and wood preservatives
4. disinfectants used for routine cleaning
5. non-powered applications of ready-to-use general-use pesticides to control or repel stinging or biting insects where there is an urgent need to protect the health or safety of a student, staff member or other school occupant
6. when school is not in session and will not be in session until the safe re-entry time specified on the pesticide label has elapsed, and
7. indoor applications of a pesticide with no re-entry interval specified on its label but entry to the treated area is restricted for at least 24 hours

A copy of the school department's IPM/Pest Management policy is available, as are all other policies, for review in the appropriate school office. The IPM coordinator will also keep records of prior pesticide applications and the pesticides used. These records, a copy of the policy, and Maine's "Pesticides in School" regulation (Chapter 27 of the Department of Agriculture Board of Pesticides Control "Standards for Pesticide Applications and Public Notification in Schools") may be reviewed by contacting Brunswick's IPM Coordinator, David Brunette, at 725-6813 or by logging onto the school department's website ([www.brunswick.k12.me.us](http://www.brunswick.k12.me.us)).

**For further information about pests, pesticides and notification, you may contact the Board of Pesticides Control at 207-287-2731 or go to their website at [www.state.me.us/agriculture/pesticides/schoolipm](http://www.state.me.us/agriculture/pesticides/schoolipm)**

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