

Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2017 - 2018

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Rockaway Borough School District 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 schools IPM Policy included with this notice.

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

The IPM Coordinator for Rockaway Borough School District is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Michael Klein, CEFM, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

Business Phone number: 973-625-8602 Ext. 202

Business Address: 37 Keller Avenue, Rockaway NJ 07866

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.

As part of a school pest management plan Rockaway Borough 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.

In response to the IPM act, the Rockaway Borough School District maintains a program of utilizing safe products for our students and staff. We have reduced the use of harmful pesticides and replaced them with safe products such as ant gels and traps.

Parents or Guardians will be notified 72 hours before a non-exempt pesticide will be applied. If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided as soon as possible after the application. Exemptions to this notification include cleaners (disinfectants), baits and gels and any EPA exempt pesticides.

Sincerely,
Michael Klein, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds C.E.F.M.