

Town of West Hartford – West Hartford Public Schools



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To: All West Hartford Public School Building Occupants

From: Robert Palmer, Director of Plant & Facilities Services

Date: September 2017

Re: IPM (Integrated Pest Management) Plan

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Palmer", written over the "From:" line.

On June 27, 2000, the Board of Education approved a policy on Integrated Pest Management required of the State of Connecticut, Public Act No. 99-165. The West Hartford Public School system has implemented an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan for our school buildings and grounds. The plan, which will be administered through the Plant & Facilities Services Department, deals with the use of pesticides in the buildings and on the grounds.

Any person within the staff or student population may **register at their school** so that they may receive prior notice of pesticide applications. Such notice shall be given twenty-four hours in advance to any and all registrants. **Please note that pesticide applications (inside or outside) are not done during the school day while the students or staff are present, except in emergency conditions.**

The pesticide application activity for the prior year (2016) is on the other side of this letter. Please feel free to contact Paul Edlund, Manager of Building Services, if you have any questions (860) 561-7920.

PESTICIDE APPLICATION REVIEW FOR 2016-2017

During the 2016-17 school year our pesticide contractor (Richland Pest Control) provided services to all our buildings. Chemicals were applied to areas where infestations occurred or were most likely to occur. Their service included the following:

Maxforce FC Select Roach Gel Bait
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Maxforce FC Select Ant Gel Bait
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Talstar P
Bifen I/T
Contract Weather Blox (rodents)
Temprid SC
Gentrol
Suspend SC
565 Plus Formula 2
Drione

Inspections were conducted in food service and support areas with classrooms being inspected and treated only upon request. Minimal preventive treatments were performed using baits, glue traps, and monitors. The pesticides were applied into cracks and crevices where pests seek shelter.

During the school year 2016-17 our in-house grounds staff serviced the grounds of all our schools from this list of potential products. Please note not all these products were utilized but represent what could be used. Due to recent changes in Connecticut State law, West Hartford Public Schools no longer makes applications at the elementary and middle school levels. These applications can no longer be done for aesthetic reasons but can be completed under very strict guidelines related to health. The services included:

PRODUCT/PRECAUTIONARY TERM

Weed Control

Round Up
Defendor
Dismiss
Glyphosate
Dimension
Propane
Hot water (steam)
Surge
Manage
Sure Guard

Insect Control

Acelepryn
Safari

Approximately 80% of the chemical choices we used were in the *Caution* category. The remaining 20% were used infrequently and with discretion.