

ADMINISTRATIVE
REGULATION

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA
SCHOOL DISTRICT

INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN

Identification And Description Of Pest Problems

The Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District (TVASD) has had incidents with ants, bees, mice and weeds. Integrated Pest Management (IPM) contractors have identified these pests as Pharaoh ants, yellow jackets, and house mice. The mice and bees become more noticeable during the fall months as the weather cools down. The ants can appear at any time of the year. The Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District has a monthly monitoring program in place.

The district uses sticky traps, bait containers and crevice gels to address the majority of these pests. Bees are addressed on an as needed basis. Other areas, which require treatment from time to time, are the dandelions/weeds on lawn areas. These areas are treated on an as needed basis, usually in the spring and fall.

IPM Information Flow

The IPM Coordinator will meet with the IPM contractor on a regular basis to cover monitoring reports. A log containing all monthly monitoring reports will be kept in each building's main office, with a master copy held at the Facilities Building. The building log is used to notify the IPM contractor of pest problems within the building. The IPM contractor checks this log during his/her monthly monitoring visit. If any sanitation or structural changes are needed, the contractor will address it on his/her report, with a suggested remedial recommendation. Specific service reports will also be placed into the log that documents particular actions taken by the IPM contractor.

Record Of Chemical Pesticides Used On School Property

TVASD will contract with licensed pesticide contractors only. The contract for the current contractor will be maintained in the Facilities Department. A list of approved chemical pesticides will also be maintained in the Facilities Department.

For additional information on chemical pesticides, either the contractor or the IPM Coordinator may be contracted. A complete record of pesticides used for treatment is in the IPM log in each building's main office.

Record Of Non-Chemical Actions Taken On School Property

Whenever practical, non-chemical means to control or limit pests will be used. The IPM contractor, through his/her inspections, will provide the IPM committee with a report identifying conditions that contribute to the ant, mouse and bee problems. Sanitary housekeeping deficiencies are also reported. Once these items are identified, a list will be generated to optimize a plan of corrective actions such as sealing openings with caulk and metal mesh, repairing leaks and screens, reducing any clutter, and organizing stored goods off the floor and away from walls. Mechanical traps will be used to reduce pests as well.

Evaluation Of IPM Program

At least one per year, the IPM committee will meet with the IPM contractor to evaluate the success or failure of this IPM plan.

Description Of School IPM Plan And Records

A copy of this plan, annual evaluations, pest contractor recommendations, and pesticide use records will be kept on file in the main office of every building, and a master copy is kept on file at the Facilities Building.

Attachments:

Parent/Guardian Notification Letter (sample)
Pest Control Information Sheet (sample)
Notice of Pesticide Application (sample)
Registry Form (sample)

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Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District

In April of 2002, the Governor signed into law a bill that mandates all 501 school districts in the state to adopt an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan. At Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District we have used this approach for several years in anticipation of this law. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We continually monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem especially in the area of the athletic fields to control weeds and the cafeteria kitchens to assure the continued sanitation of the kitchens. When chemicals are used the school will try to use the least toxic products available as we have done in the past.

Parents or Guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on the registry, please notify the district in writing. Please include the following:

Name of the Parent or Guardian to be notified
Name of Student
Address
Phone Number

If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any parent or guardian who has requested such in writing.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry. Please submit a letter each year to be included on the registry.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Sincerely,

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