

## **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT**

It shall be the policy of the Great Neck Public Schools to maintain an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) system for the control of all pests on school properties.

Such a system involves surveillance, collection of data and its interpretation, by qualified professionals, to estimate pest populations in each area. This surveillance process will result in written control measures, including the appropriate response practices.

Control practices may include structural and procedural modifications intended to establish physical barriers to pests and reduce the food, water, and harborage available to them.

This policy requires:

1. All and any pest management, anywhere on District property, shall be performed in accordance with this policy.
2. All work shall be performed by an independent New York State certified corporation or its licensed employees. No Great Neck School District employee shall engage in pest control.
3. No pesticides shall be stored on school property. No application equipment shall be stored on school property.
4. The District Safety Officer shall provide information to all building occupants on the nature of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and occupant responsibilities.
5. Building principals shall receive advance notice whenever the pest management company will be in their building together with the reason and objective for the visit.
6. The pest management company's applicators shall follow the written IPM Plan. They shall first employ alternative control methods other than chemical sprays, which shall be pest specific.
7. Pest control work shall be performed before or after regular school hours or during vacations and breaks when no building occupants are present.

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8. No area shall be treated with chemical sprays unless there is clear evidence of pest infestation and all alternative control methods have failed.
9. Indoor space treatments, "foggings," shall be used only in extreme situations, after all other methods and approaches have been tried and failed. Any such treatment will require the written authorization of the District Safety Officer.
10. Records shall be made available within 72 working hours to interested parties on the use of pesticides and control measures in the District, including the IPM Plan. Such requests shall be made in writing to the District Safety Officer.
11. Records of each visit by the pest management company shall be kept in each building main office. They shall record each visit, purpose, and actions taken in detail.
12. Site pesticide applications, when approved, shall be performed only when the treated area can be closed to use for a period of 48 hours.
13. Site pesticide applications, when approved, shall be performed only after the posting of appropriate signs.
14. Site pesticide applications, when approved, shall be performed only when known target pests have been identified.
15. Where pesticides are approved for use, the building principal shall receive advance copies of all product labels and Material Safety Data Sheets for any products prior to their use.
16. Records for all approved applications shall be kept by the pest management company, on behalf of the District, for each application at each building, in accordance with the attached Sample Record Form.
17. When any food is served or consumed in the school, all leftover food or food wrappings shall be immediately disposed of in appropriate containers, in accordance with procedures developed by the building principal.