

Regulations Regarding the Application of Pesticides

In an attempt to assure proper control of any pesticides or other harmful chemicals which might be used or stored on district premises, the following procedures are established. The intent is to prevent unnecessary exposure of staff, students or the public to potentially harmful substances.

1. Potentially harmful substances such as insecticides, herbicides or other pesticides shall be chosen for the low levels of toxicity. The least toxic formulations and safest methods of application will be selected when there is a choice of products with comparable effectiveness. Whenever practical, nonchemical controls shall be used. Assistance on determining the relative toxicity of products may be obtained from members of the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC), 503-731-4025, Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), 503-731-4031.
2. Storage of harmful products will be kept to a minimum. Since many chemicals lose effectiveness with storage and storage further increases risk, only enough of the product for a given application will be purchased. If storage instructions are included, the instructions will be followed explicitly. All such products and the application equipment will be stored in separate facilities from other activities and especially separated from food products or occupied rooms. All storage facilities will be maintained as a locked area and will be clearly marked as containing pesticides.
3. All harmful products will have complete label instructions, will remain in the original container and the Material Safety Data Sheet information will be on file and readily available to any employee who must handle such materials or who may have been exposed to the product. This information is also available to any member of the public upon request.
4. All application of harmful products will be made in strict compliance with the label instructions and under no circumstance will the product concentrations exceed those specified in the application instructions.
5. Prior to application of any harmful substance, a written plan for that application will be filed in the district's business office. The plan will be signed by the district safety officer. The plan will minimally contain:
 - a. Purpose of the application;
 - b. Product to be used;
 - c. Formulation of the product;
 - d. Location and extent of the area to be treated;
 - e. Type of equipment to be used;
 - f. Date and time of application;
 - g. The total amount of the product to be used;

- h. Such provisions as may be necessary to comply with applicable Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division regulations for the application of chemical substances, including requirements for the use of pesticides on agricultural plants grown for commercial or research purposes. Any warnings that would restrict use of the area following such application also will be part of the plan and will be appropriately posted to notify the public.
6. Harmful substances will be applied at times when individuals are not present in district buildings or using district grounds. If this is not possible, efforts should be made to schedule applications for a time when the least number of people will be present. Application in the presence of persons is to be avoided even when the pesticide has low toxicity. Any indoor applications will be accomplished over a weekend or during a student vacation period if at all possible. All indoor areas should be well ventilated prior to re-entry by staff or students.
7. Treated school grounds will be posted with the date of application, pesticide product used and instructions on when areas may be used for recreational purposes.
8. District employee(s) responsible for handling and applying pesticides shall have specific pesticide training. An Oregon Pest Control Operator or Public Applicator license may be required.
9. Persons exposed to pesticides or suffering symptoms thought to be pesticide related shall receive immediate medical attention. All accidents and/or illnesses shall be reported to the Oregon Health Division in Portland at 503-731-4025; after regular business hours, call 503-731-4030.
10. If the district chooses to contract with a private, state-licensed pest control company, such contractors will be subject to regulations as defined in state law.