

## Pesticides/Herbicides

While avoidance is our goal, total avoidance is not feasible under certain conditions. When it is determined that pesticides or herbicides must be used, the following criteria shall be strictly followed.

### General

#### 1. Selection of Pesticides

Insecticides, herbicides and other pesticides shall be chosen for low toxicity. The least toxic formulations and safest application techniques shall be selected whenever there is a choice of products with comparable effectiveness. Nonchemical controls shall be used wherever possible.

#### 2. Storage and Handling of Pesticides

Stored products must be kept at a minimum. Only enough product for a given job should be purchased to avoid storage. Many pesticides alter chemically with age and are not useful after storage. Where storage instructions are given on the product label, the instructions must be followed carefully. Pesticides and application equipment must be stored in separate facilities from other activities and especially separated from food products or occupied rooms. The storage facility shall be kept locked and clearly marked as containing pesticides.

#### 3. Technical Data

For every pesticide product kept or used the school must have complete label instructions on the container, and material safety data sheets (MSDS's) on file and immediately available to any staff member who must handle or be exposed to the products.

(Manufacturers are required by law to supply this material, on request.)

#### 4. Training and Licensing

Any person responsible for handling and applying pesticides must have specific pesticide training. Registration as an Oregon Pest Control Operator is recommended.

#### 5. Pesticide Accidents and Pesticide Related Illnesses

Persons exposed to pesticides, or suffering symptoms thought to be pesticide related, shall receive immediate medical attention. All accidents and/or illnesses must be reported to the State Health Division, Noncommunicable Disease Section (503-229-5792) and to the district's workers' compensation company by filling out the proper forms in the business office.

## 6. Consultation and Assistance

- a. For assistance in pesticide selection, contact your county extension service office (541-963-1010).
- b. For human toxicity information on any specific pesticide or for first-aid information in case of accidents, call the Oregon Poison Center (503-279-8968 in Portland or 1-800-452-7169 outside Portland).
- c. For state registration information on any pesticide sold or used in Oregon, call Plant Division, Department of Agriculture (503-378-3776).
- d. For reporting of accidents, human exposures or illness, call Oregon Department of Human Services, Health Services, Noncommunicable Disease Section (503-229-5792).

## Scope

1. Pesticides - When in the control of pest infestation of food service areas or areas that would expose children to these pests.
  - a. Notification shall be made to the building principal.
  - b. Shall be applied only by a registered/licensed applicator in accordance with label instructions.
  - c. Shall be applied only when a building will be vacant and continues to be vacant for 48 hours after application.
  - d. Pesticide shall not leave a visible residue or an invisible film on any surfaces that come in direct contact with personnel.
  - e. Written record of type, area of application, and time material will remain active shall be submitted by applicator.
2. Herbicides - To be used only after the supervisor of plant and operations has determined that no other feasible method of weed eradication can be used. Every effort shall first be made to organically overcome excessive weed population. These methods may include irrigation, mowing height, sweeping, overseeding, etc.

When it has been determined that a herbicide shall be used, only the minimum application for the intended result shall be used.