

Regulations Regarding the Application of Pesticides

In an attempt to provide for proper control of any pesticides or other harmful chemicals which might be used or stored on school premises, the following procedures are established. Their 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 pesticides shall be chosen for their 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, non-chemical 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, they will be followed explicitly. All such products and their application equipment will be stored in separate facilities from those occupied by humans or where food products may be stored. All storage facilities will be maintained as a locked area and will be clearly marked.
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 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 or 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 as far from humans as possible. Any indoor applications will be made 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.