



Tredyffrin/Easttown School District

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Dear Parent/Guardian:

In compliance with Pennsylvania State Law, the Tredyffrin/Easttown School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. 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 routinely monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present. The pest monitoring team consists of our building maintenance, office, and teaching staff and includes our students. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM Coordinator who evaluates the pest problem and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, and physically removing the pest.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used to control a pest problem, we will use the least toxic products possible. Chemical applications will be made only when persons do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

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 this registry, please notify the District in writing to: Marshall Barkman - IPM Coordinator, Tredyffrin/Easttown School District, Maintenance Department, 920 Old Lancaster Road, Berwyn, PA 19312. Please include your name, address, telephone number, child's/children's name(s) and school(s), and e-mail address if you would like to be notified electronically.

If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided to any parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing. If you desire notification of an emergency pest problem, as well as notification of normal pesticide applications, please indicate that in your notice to the District as noted above. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products, self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel type baits placed in cracks, crevices, or voids.

Each year the District will prepare a new notification registry. Please feel free to call if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Marshall Barkman
Facilities & Operations Manager