

Somerset Hills School District

Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Somerset Hills School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for the Somerset Hills School District is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Nancy Lee Hunter, School Business Administrator

Business Phone number: 908-204-1930 X117

Business Address: 25 Olcott Avenue, Bernardsville, NJ 07924

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available) of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student. In addition, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the schools.

As part of a school pest management plan, schools may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

The Somerset Hills School District uses only Low Impact Pesticides in all school buildings and on all school grounds. The following is a list of low impact pesticides that have been used at our schools over the last 12 months:

ECO Exempt IC, ECO Exempt D, ECO PCO Acu, Contrac Blox, Advion Ant Gel, Advion Cockroach Gel, Drax Ant Gel

Attached is a copy of the Somerset Hills School District Integrated Pest Management Policy. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Nancy Lee Hunter