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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

ORS 634.740 requires all K-12 schools and community colleges to have an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Plan. The IPM rule establishes the need for schools to develop a written pest control plan, designed to identify and give preference to alternatives for controlling pests in schools besides pesticides. Your plan should also emphasize your efforts in protecting human health and the environment.

WRITTEN IPM PLANS

At a minimum your written IPM plan should include:

- A list of low-impact products for use in controlling pests (low-impact pesticides don't have the words "warning" or "danger" on the label, and are not classified as human carcinogens) - for reference, you can view the ODA Guidance on Low-Impact Pesticides for Schools on the PACE website
- Types of prevention identified for keeping pests from inhabiting your property and entering your buildings (e.g., caulking cracks, door sweeps, ground control)
- Ongoing pest control monitoring
- Pest identification
- Long-term solutions for pest control
- A list of treatment methods (traps, chemicals, etc.)
- Integrated Pest Management Plan Coordinator

Your written IPM plan needs to be reviewed and readopted every five years or sooner and include the date of the most recent review and adoption. Additionally, your IPM plan and your list of low-impact pesticides must be available to the public via your school's website.

ADMINISTERING IPM PLANS

Administering an IPM plan at your school can lead to a healthier working environment for your students. Studies show that healthier children experience higher academic achievement. Because they are still growing and developing, children are much more susceptible than adults to the risks associated with pesticides. School employees may inadvertently increase the risks to people and the environment if they are not sufficiently trained in the use of pesticides. A trained Integrated Pest Management Plan coordinator can help reduce risks and decrease expensive, long-term pest control costs.

Rodents, cockroaches and other pests can be disease vectors and asthma triggers for children. Asthma has been proven to be the number one cause of absenteeism in schools in the United States. A good IPM plan will help reduce these hazards.

Your IPM Plan coordinator must complete at least six hours of yearly training that includes a review of the requirements of ORS 634.700-750. He or she is also responsible for maintaining records and implementing the plan according to its specifications.

ORGANIZING IPM PLANS

You may find help in organizing your Integrated Pest Management Plan on the [OSU School IPM Program website](#), including:

- Contact information
- License requirements for those who apply pesticides on school property
- Schedule and list of upcoming events and trainings
- Model IPM Plan for use in Oregon schools
- Full text of ORS 634.700-750

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