

## **Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2021-22**

Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Montvale Public 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 schools' 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 Montvale Public Schools is:

Mr. Brian Marshall, Facilities Manager

Address: 47 Spring Valley Road, Montvale, NJ 07645

Phone: 201-391-6226

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when 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 attending the school. Also, 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 school.

As part of a school pest management plan the Montvale Public 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.

Whenever possible, the district uses low impact pesticide. The district uses green cleaning products. The following pesticides are in use or have been in use in the past 12 months on school property:

Eagle 20EW (EPA 62719-463)	Acclaim Crab Grass Weed Herbicide (EPA 432-950)
Dismiss True Herbicide (279-3351)	Barricade 4FL Herbicide (EPA 100-1139)
Escalade (EPA 228-442)	Eco Smart Commercial Wasp Killer
Lebanon Proscape Fertilizer (EPA215-3580)	

If a non low impact pesticide needs to be used, notification will be given 72 hours prior to use via the district's website at <a href="https://www.montvalek8.org">www.montvalek8.org</a> and informational posters hung in the school office. In case of an emergency, the notifications will be posted upon identification of the need; in which case, the application may take place prior to 72 hours. Notifications can also be sent via e-mail if requested; please call 201-391-6226 to request to be added to the notification list.

The entire Integrated Pest Management Plan can be reviewed during regular business hours. An appointment can be made by calling 201-391-6226. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Facilities Manager