

‘Model School IPM Plan for New Jersey Schools’

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** Use of this form meets minimum compliance requirements of NJ School IPM Act*

School IPM Model Plan Excerpt
Roles, Responsibilities, & Training:
Pest Management Professional*

c. Pest Management Professional:

All pesticide applications made on school property must be made by applicators or operators licensed to apply pesticides by the NJDEP PCP per the New Jersey Administrative Code Title 7 Chapter 30; Subchapters 1-12. These 'Pest Management Professionals' may either be staff and /or a contractor as described below.

All **indoor applications** at this school are made by licensed [*insert either 'staff' or 'contractor'*]:_____ Pest Management Professional(s). [*Insert if applicable: 'The contractor for indoor pest management services at this school is [*insert company name*]:_____.* Our contact for the company is [*insert name and phone*]:_____. The contractor will meet all specifications as contracted by the School per the attached contract [*insert contract solicitation or award number*]:_____.

All **outdoor applications** at this school are made by licensed [*insert either 'staff' or 'contractor'*]:_____ Pest Management Professional(s). [*Insert if applicable: 'The contractor for outdoors pest management services at this school is' [*insert company name*]:_____.* Our contact for the company is [*insert name and phone*]:_____. The contractor will meet all specifications as contracted by the School per the attached contract [*insert contract solicitation or award number*]:_____. If specified in the contract, the contractor will provide horticultural services for landscape and turf management.

Other Specific Duties of Pest Management Professional(s) in the School IPM Program (*check all that apply*):

- Inspect school premises [*insert time period*] _____ for the presence of pests or signs of pest activity.
- Notify the IPM Coordinator when pests or signs of pest activity are found.
- Make written recommendations to the School IPM Coordinator for corrective actions to be taken by the school to reduce potential pest populations.
- Recommend to School IPM Coordinator appropriate non-chemical procedures to correct pest problems.
- When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, select and recommend necessary pesticides. Preference will always be given to low impact pesticides.
- [*Insert if appropriate: 'When approved by the School IPM Coordinator,'*] follow appropriate least-toxic procedures to correct pest problems. Never apply a non low impact pesticide without first consulting in advance with the IPM Coordinator to allow them to proceed with all required notification and posting of the area to be treated.
- Provide School IPM Coordinator with MSDS (when available) of any pesticide that is applied on school property.
- Provide application information as specified in the '**Pesticide Application Log**' (see Appendix) when they apply these pesticides at the school. This log is kept at [*insert location or person who maintains the records*]:_____.
- If a non low impact pesticide is to be used, provide a '**School Integrated Pest Management Act Compliance Certification**' Form (see Appendix) to the School IPM Coordinator for their signature ensuring all advance notification and posting has been performed as required. Applicators are not liable for damages resulting from the failure of the school to provide the notification or posting as required by the New Jersey School IPM Act.
- Participate in the annual evaluation of the School IPM Program and Plan. Provide comments regarding any necessary modifications to the School IPM Plan.
- Other: _____

Training:

Training for either a new commercial applicator or operator is to include BOTH a PCP-approved basic pesticide training course, and 40 hours of on-the-job training to competently perform the functions associated with any applications in which they are expected to perform. Additionally, within the 40 hours of training, the candidate must perform or witness a minimum number of applications for each of the categories that they will be licensed (see the NJDEP website at www.state.nj.us/dep/enforcement/pcp/index.html; or the Rutgers Cooperative Extension pesticide applicator training website at www.pestmanagement.rutgers.edu/PAT/CertlicensReq.htm for details).

In order to maintain valid Pesticide Applicator Certification in the state of New Jersey, pesticide applicators must earn a minimum of 24 recertification credits by attending continuing education courses. Commercial Pesticide Applicators must accumulate 8 Core credits and 16 category credits (per each category certified).

Rules have been passed by the NJDEP that would require an additional category ("IPM in Schools") for commercial applicators that apply pesticides on school property. Applicators would be given a grace period during which the new category exam would need to be taken. This IPM in Schools category would be required in addition to any other category (such as ornamental & turf, or termite control) required depending on the type of work performed.