



This notification is to inform you of the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) law (ORS 634.700-634.750) that Morrow County School District follows. We use the OSU School IPM Program and encourage you to visit their website at osuipm.org to see what we are doing and how we go about improving the condition of our schools to create a healthier environment for your children. It is all about educating, communicating, and eliminating pests through cleaning and organizing our environment. We are sealing up our buildings, eliminating clutter, keeping food in plastic storage containers, eliminating leaks and drips in our plumbing, properly pruning our landscaping, and being more thorough in our cleaning efforts. Through these efforts we are eliminating the three things that pests need to survive: Food, Water, and Shelter. We are also providing a healthier learning environment for your children, and saving the school district precious dollars that would otherwise be spent on pesticides.

We are required to notify staff, students, and parents when there is a scheduled application of a pesticide at any of our school campuses. You will find our IPM plan on the Morrow County School District web page along with notifications. Our web address is www.morrow.k12.or.us. On the website notification and email notification, you will find an expected application date, name of the pesticide being applied, the EPA registration number of the pesticide, and other information.

For each application of a pesticide – inside or outside – we are also required to post in the vicinity of the application on that school campus. On occasion you may see signs posted informing you of a pesticide application at a school, but please be assured that we are doing everything we can to keep these applications to a minimum and only using the safest of products to achieve the expected results. There will be contact information on the application posting signs of who you can call if you ever have questions about what is going on or what products are being used.

An Oregon State University faculty member with expertise in pesticide toxicology has reviewed all of the pesticides that we use, and they meet the requirements of a “low-impact pesticide” as defined by ORS 634.705 (5). They never have a label category that is higher than Caution, and contain no known carcinogens. You can find a copy of the list of pesticides on the Oregon State University Integrated Pest Management website. If you have any questions or concerns about these products, I encourage you to contact the National Pesticide Information Center at <http://npic.orst.edu>

If you have questions you may contact me at brandi.sweeney@morrowsd.org

Thank you,

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