

IPM Program

For all Pest Control Issues call (475-220-3900)

Bill # 5418 effective October 1, 2010 - IPM is a term used to describe a systematic method to control pests using non-chemical pest management methods and the judicious use of pesticides when pest populations exceed acceptable levels. The bill specifies that it does not authorize pesticide application at day-care centers, any public or private preschool, or public or private schools with students in grades eight or below in violation of current law that prohibits its use **EXCEPT IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS.**

Requirements for Board of Education employing Integrated Pest Management Policies:

1. At the beginning of each school year, a Board of Education having an Integrated Pest Management Policy must provide staff of each school with written guidelines on how the IPM plan (which must be consistent with the DEP's model plan) is to be implemented and provide parents/guardians of enrolled students with a statement that includes a summary of the IPM plan for the school. Each school is responsible for maintaining a registry of persons who wish to be notified.
That statement must:

- Indicate that staff, parents/guardians may register for prior notice of pesticide applications at the school
- Describe notification procedures for emergency applications

2. The school shall provide notice to any that have registered to be notified by any means practicable on or before the date of application at the school.

Notification must include:

- The name of the active ingredient of the pesticide being applied
- The location of the application on school property
- The date of the application
- The name of the school administrator or designee who may be contacted for further information
- Any modification to the IPM plan
- The IPM contractor will ensure each school has a copy of the required plan which will include all the required MSDS sheets and product labels. The IPM plan must be in the main office. The IPM plan will also include a template of the letter that must be sent yearly as well as a template of the register to be maintained at the school