

Pesticide Notification, Posting, and Record Keeping

Wahkiakum School District complies with all legal requirements for record keeping regarding the application of pesticides to school grounds or school facilities. This includes creation of an annual summary report of pesticide usage and compliance with state department of agriculture rules regarding record keeping. Currently the District only applies three herbicides on a regular basis (more than twice a year). They are **Kills All** (derivative of Round Up that kills weeds), **Speed Zone** which attacks dandelions and broadleaves, and **Crossbow** which kills blackberry bushes. Such records will be available on request by interested persons under state Public Records Act and other laws.

This procedure shall be printed and distributed annually to employees, students, and their parents. New employees will receive a copy when they begin work and new students will receive a copy when they enroll.

At least 48 hours before the application of a pesticide to school facilities or school grounds, the District shall notify parents and staff of the planned application in writing, including the heading, "Notice: Pesticide Application." This notice shall be posted in a prominent place in the building office in addition to being provided to parents and staff. This pre-notification is not required if the school grounds or facilities will not be occupied by students for two days following the application of the pesticide. If the application is not made within 48 hours of the notification, another notification shall be made prior to the application. This pre-notification is not required in the case of any emergency application of pesticides to a school facility, such as an application to control stinging pests, but full notification shall be made as soon as possible after the application.

Following the application of a pesticide to school facilities (structures and vehicles) a sign shall be posted at the location of the application. The notice shall be at least 8.5 x 11 inches in size, shall include the heading, "Notice: Pesticide Application," and shall state the product name, date, time, and specific location of the application, the pest for which the application was made, and a contact name and telephone number. The notice shall remain posted for 24 hours, or longer if required by the label of the pesticide.

Following the application of a pesticide to school grounds notice shall be posted at the location of the application and at each primary point of entry to the grounds. The notice shall be at least 4 x 5 inches in size and state that the landscape recently has been treated with a pesticide and provide a contact name and telephone number. The notice shall remain posted for 24 hours, or longer if required by the label of the pesticide.

These notices are not required for the application of antimicrobial pesticides (substances used to sanitize or disinfect for microbial pests – viruses, bacteria, algae, and protozoa). These notices are not required for the placement of insect or rodent bait that are not accessible to children.

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