



SD#10 (Arrow Lakes) District Protocol

Application of Pesticides and Herbicides

Overview

School District 10, recognizes the potential hazard of using pesticides and herbicides on school district property. The district will refrain from using these substances unless a situation arises that necessitates their use, or where alternate methods have proven ineffective. This district protocol has been developed to ensure the safety of students, staff and community members.

Application

Should a situation arise that requires the use of pesticides or herbicides, or where alternative methods have proven ineffective, the following process will be followed:

1. Document all non-chemical efforts to date, or research into non-chemical approaches.
2. Thoroughly research the safest products that comply with provincial and federal legislation.
3. Where possible, all efforts should be made for the application of pesticides or herbicides to take place during school closures: Christmas Break, Spring Break and Summer Break.
4. If application must happen during the school year, 72 hours' notice must be given to the principal so that they can notify staff, students and parents, or to staff directly.
5. Signs will be placed in treated areas and at any nearby entrances to treated areas, a minimum of 72 hours' in advance of the application. Signs must be visible, easy to read, and must indicate that treatment is being made. Signs must also indicate a warning (i.e. caution) and the applicable duration of treatment (i.e. when it will be safe to enter).
6. The applicator must possess awareness of safety precautions and thorough knowledge of the product being used and provide documentation to the district of safety measures that they intend to take and have taken for the application of pesticides or herbicides.
7. Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and clothing must be worn at all times during application and a change of clothing and equipment as per WorkSafe regulations is required.
8. Once the application process and waiting period have passed, signs are to be removed along with clear communication with staff, students, and parents as required.

Related Documents

- [Health Canada – Consumer Product Safety](#)