

Maintenance Control of Materials: Pesticides

1. **Selection of Pesticides:** Insecticides, herbicides and other pesticides shall be chosen for low toxicity. The least toxic formulations and safest application techniques shall be selected whenever there is a choice of products with comparable effectiveness. Nonchemical controls shall be used wherever possible. Assistance on determining the relative toxicity of products may be obtained from members of the Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC), (503) 731-4025, Telecommunication Device for the Deaf (TDD), (503) 731-4031.
2. **Storage and Handling of Pesticides:** Stored products must be kept at a minimum. Only enough product for a given job should be purchased to avoid storage. Many pesticides alter chemically with age and are not useful after storage. Where storage instructions are given on the product label, the instructions must be followed carefully. Pesticides and applications equipment must be stored in separate facilities from other activities and especially separated from food products or occupied rooms. The storage facility shall be kept locked and clearly marked as containing pesticides.
3. **Technical Data:** For every pesticide product kept or used the school must have complete label instructions on the container and material safety data sheets (MSDSes) on file and immediately available to any staff member who must handle or be exposed to the product. Manufacturers are required by law to supply this material on request. This information is also available to any member of the public upon request.
4. **Application Method and Formulations:** Every pesticide application made must be in compliance with label instructions; and product concentrations may not exceed those specified by the product label. Combining two or more pesticide products should never be done unless it is specifically authorized on the labels. Before application, a written plan of application, stating the purpose, product, formulation, location and extent of area to be covered, type of application equipment to be used, date and time of application, total amount of product to be used must be prepared and approved by the superintendent or his/her designee* and such other provisions as may be necessary to comply with applicable Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Division regulations for the application of chemical substances, including requirements for the use of pesticides on agricultural plants grown for commercial or research purposes. Any warnings that would restrict use of the area following such application also will be part of the plan and will be appropriately posted to notify the public.

*Approval should be made by an appropriate administrator either at the school or district level to ensure prior knowledge of each pesticide application.
5. **Records:** Written records of every application of pesticide must be made within 24 hours of application. The written plan from item 4. is sufficient.

6. **Application Time Selection:** Pesticides should be applied as far away from people as possible. Indoor applications should be made on weekends or during vacation periods to reduce human exposure. Application in the presence of persons is to be avoided even when the pesticide has low toxicity. If the label specifies minimum re-entry periods, they must be carefully observed. Ventilate indoor areas treated with pesticides prior to re-entry by students or staff.
7. If the district chooses to contract with a private, state-licensed, pest control company, such contractors will be subject to regulations as defined in state law.
8. **Professional Pesticide Services:** Applications of pesticide by licensed Pest Control Operators are subject to this policy and state law and regulations.
9. **Training and Licensing:** Any person responsible for handling and applying pesticides and/or herbicides must have specific training.
10. **Pesticide Accidents and Pesticide Related Illnesses:** Persons exposed to pesticides, or suffering symptoms thought to be pesticide related, shall receive immediate medical attention. All accidents and/or illnesses must be reported to the Oregon Health Division, (503) 731-4025; after regular business hours, call (503) 731-4030.
11. Treated district grounds will be posted with the date of application, pesticide product used and instructions on when areas may be used for recreational purposes.
12. **Consultation and Assistance:**
 - a. For assistance in pesticide selection contact your county extension services office (See blue pages of local telephone directory.);
 - b. For human toxicity information on any specific pesticide or for first aid information in case of accidents call the Oregon Poison Center (503) 279-8968;
 - c. For state registration information on any pesticide sold or used in Oregon call Plant Division, Department of Agriculture (503) 986-4635;
 - d. For reporting of accidents, human exposures or illness call Oregon Health Division, (503) 731-4025.