



## Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice For School Year 2021-2022



Dear Parent, Guardian, or Staff Member:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. Bloomsbury School District has adopted an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IPM is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy included with this notice.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator (IPM Coordinator) to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for Bloomsbury Elementary School is:

Name of IPM Coordinator: Mr. Duane Morris

Business Phone number: (908) 479-4414 ext. 214

Business Address: 20 Main Street, Bloomsbury, New Jersey 08804

Within the past 12 months our school has had to deal mostly with the common odorous house ant. When sightings of this pest were reported, appropriate non-chemical procedures were taken to correct the problem. Procedures such as keeping areas free of crumbs and food residue and caulking crevices where the ants were originating from were performed before any low impact pesticide was used to treat for odorous house ants. When a low impact pesticide was necessary, Advion Ant Gel was applied by a Pest Management Professional.

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label and the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) (when one is available) of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the SDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, the IPM Coordinator is available to parents, guardians, and staff members for information and to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use at the school.

As part of a school pest management plan, Bloomsbury Elementary School may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

A physical copy of the plan is always available in the custodial office.

Respectfully,

Duane Morris  
Head Custodian  
July 21, 2021