

Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District

In April of 2002, the Governor signed into law a bill that mandates all 501 school districts in the state to adopt an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plan. At Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District we have used this approach for several years in anticipation of this law. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We continually monitor the school buildings and grounds to detect any pests that are present.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem especially in the area of the athletic fields to control weeds and the cafeteria kitchens to assure the continued sanitation of the kitchens. When chemicals are used the school will try to use the least toxic products available as we have done in the past.

Parents or Guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at the school. To receive notification, you must be placed on the school's notification registry. If you would like to be placed on the registry, please notify the district in writing. Please include the following:

Name of the Parent or Guardian to be notified
Name of Student
Address
Phone Number

If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided by telephone to any parent or guardian who has requested such in writing.

Each year the district will prepare a new notification registry. Please submit a letter each year to be included on the registry.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Sincerely,

Jeffrey S. Malaspino
Superintendent

Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District Integrated Pest Management Plan

General School Information:

School Name: Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District
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Plan prepared by: Douglas Rugg, Buildings and Grounds Supervisor
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Our Goal: To utilize IPM procedures to manage structural and landscape pests and the toxic chemicals used for their control in order to alleviate pest problems with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Our Policy: See “Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District Board Policy No. 716”

Prevention: Products that may draw pests in to buildings or its surroundings should be kept in the proper containers and areas. Do not leave candy, crackers and other eatables lie around which may draw pests. Teachers should have students check and clean out lockers and desks to make sure there are not any of these products to attract pests.

Control: IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, chemical, cultural, or biological means.

Pesticides Applied: A list of all applied pesticides either by contractor or LEA will be kept on file by the IPM Coordinator for a period of 3 years.

IPM Plan and Records: A copy of the IPM plan and all records pertaining to the District's IPM will be kept on file by the IPM Coordinator.