



Nottawa Community School District

Annual Notification of Pesticide Applications

Dear Parent or Guardian:

State of Michigan law requires that schools and daycare centers that may apply pesticides on school or daycare property must provide an annual notification to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that the NOTTAWA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or to reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, the school or daycare will provide advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or daycare buildings or grounds. Advance notice will be provided, even during periods when not in session. Advance notice is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without advance notice to prevent injury to students, but the school or daycare will provide notice following any such application.

Advance notice of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the SCHOOL, which is located at 26438 M – 86 STURGIS, MI 49091 (NOTTAWA MICHIGAN). The second method will be by the method(s) checked below:

- ☐ Posting in a public, common area of the school or day care center, other than an entrance. We will post in the _____.
- ☐ E-mail.
- ☐ A telephone call by which direct contact is made with a parent or guardian of a student of the school / day-care center or a message is recorded on an answering machine.
- ☒ Providing the students of the school or children of the day-care center with a written notice to be delivered to their parents or guardians.
- ☐ Posting information on the school or day-care center's web site.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or day care center are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked at least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact BRENDA WALLS at the school office by calling 269-467-7153.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request. Contact JEROME WOLFF at 269-467-7153 or by email at jwolff@nottawaschool.org.

BELOW IS AN EXAMPLE OF THE PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION FORM:



Nottawa Community School District

ADVANCE NOTICE OF PESTICIDE TREATMENT

This notice is to be provided whenever a pesticide, other than a bait or gel formulation, is to be applied at this facility. The information will be posted using the methods identified in the annual Advisory To Parents.

Attention: Parents / Guardians of students attending this facility:

This facility utilizes an Integrated Pest Management approach for pest control, employing non-chemical methods that include sanitation and exclusion to control pests. However, from time to time a pesticide application may be necessary to control certain pests.

Please be advised that a pesticide is expected to be applied to control _____.

The approximate location of this pest control treatment is _____.

The anticipated date of treatment will be _____.

If you have questions pertaining to this treatment, please contact:

Name: JEROME WOLFF

Phone: (269)467-7157

E-mail: jwolff@nottawaschool.org

For further information, pertaining to pesticides, you can contact the National Pesticide Information Center at Oregon State University. The toll free number is 800-858-7378. The web site is www.npic.orst.edu.

For additional information pertaining to pesticide use, you can contact the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD). The MDARD's web site is www.michigan.gov/mdard and a contact phone number for MDARD is 800-292-3939.

THANK-YOU,

~Jerome Wolff