

ENVIRONMENTAL SAFETY INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

Pesticide control chemicals can pose a significant problem to people and the environment when treating structural and landscape pests. It is therefore the policy of the San Dieguito Union High School District to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for the control of structural and landscape pests. Integrated Pest Management means that the pest problems will be alleviated with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment by using IPM methods which are safe, effective and economically feasible. Pesticides will be carefully evaluated before use and will only be used after non-toxic and other safer methods have been considered.

Integrated Pest Management will include the following components:

1. Educate staff, students and the public about school pest problems and the Integrated Pest Management policies.
2. Develop plant inventory and pest problem survey procedures.
3. Identify pests that are considered to be public health problems and methods to prevent them from becoming a health problem in the least toxic way.
4. Identify and evaluate cultural/environmental conditions that encourage pest problems. Make recommendations for remedial action.
5. Monitor population levels of pests to determine treatment procedures.
6. Review all available options for acceptability and/or feasibility before the use of chemical pesticides. Maintain records of IPM procedures considered before any chemical treatment. Cost or staffing considerations will not be the sole justification for use of chemical control agents.
7. Ensure that pesticide applicators, whether in-house or contracted, are educated and trained in the use of pesticides approved for use by the San Dieguito Union High School District, and that applicators follow label directions, precautions and application regulations.
8. Establish and maintain pesticide use reporting and record keeping procedures.
9. Establish a system to evaluate and measure control success.
10. Make information accessible to the public and employees regarding pesticides used and areas treated.