

# BYRAM TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

## Annual Integrated Pest Management Notice for School Year 2008-2009

Dear Parents/Guardians:

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Byram Township Board of Education 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 districts 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 in the district.

The IPM Coordinator for the Byram Township School District is:

Mr. Gary Smith  
Buildings and Facilities Supervisor  
973-347-1047 ext. 2308  
12 Mansfield Drive  
Stanhope, NJ 07874

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) (when one is available), of each pesticide that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS 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 in the district.

As part of a school pest management plan the Byram Township School District may use pesticides to control pests. The United State 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.

Sincerely,

Gayle Strauss, Ph.D.  
Superintendent

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