

SPRAYING OF SCHOOL GROUNDS

Background

The protection and enhancement of our environment is necessary to maintain the quality of life.

Procedures

1. Pesticides must be approved by the Medical Health Officer and be Government-approved. Pesticides are to be applied by a certified applicator.
2. Only a minimum of pesticides consistent with the problem are to be used.
3. Types of pesticides are to be kept to a minimum and monthly usage is to be reported to the Medical Health Officer.
4. There will be no spraying or use of chemicals unless weather conditions are favourable. (i.e.: calm, no prevailing winds).
5. All spraying will take place within the hours of 5:00 a.m. - 7:00 a.m. with a low-pressure sprayer only.
6. No spraying will take place while grounds are occupied by students or anyone else.
7. Areas to be sprayed are: under fences, around curbs and walks, and adjacent to walls at ground level only.
8. No trees or shrubs are to be sprayed as a high-pressure pump has to be used, therefore causing over-spray. Where a problem exists with trees or shrubs, a systemic chemical will only be used according to the regulations that apply to the product being used at the time.
9. Safety clothing will be supplied as required by the District and must be worn at all times where it is warranted for the safety of the applicator.
10. Chemicals will be used only where necessary after a visual inspection of grounds by the Supervisor of Operations and the applicator.

11. The Principal will be advised 24 hours in advance of the intended application of pesticides.
12. Any internal area sprayed must be left vacant for a minimum of 48 hours following spraying.

*Reference: Sections 17, 20, 22, 23, 65, 85 School Act
Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act
Health Act
Occupational Health and Safety Regulation*

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