Back-To-School with IPM

Kick-off the School Year with Smart, Sensible and Sustainable Pest Management

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What is Integrated Pest Management?

• A smart, sensible, and sustainable approach to pest control
  • Smart - creates a safer and healthier learning environment
  • Sensible - practical strategies reduce food, water, and shelter for pests
  • Sustainable - emphasizes prevention
Key Personnel on the School IPM Team

- Administrator (Superintendent/Principal)
- Plant Manager / Facilities Director
- Lead Custodian
- Nurse
Administrator

- Creates ownership of the IPM program
- Designates an IPM coordinator
- Ensures the district has an IPM policy and plan
  - Communicates goals, objectives and intent
  - Manages for compliance
School Administrator

- Communicates a leadership commitment to IPM
- Oversees the IPM committee
- Promotes and allocates funding for IPM training and education
- Mentors and challenges other school administrators
School Administrator

• Realizes and tracks results
  • Healthier school environment
• Staff recognition
• Creates a culture of ‘shared’ sanitation responsibility between administrators, staff, and students
School Nurse

• The on-site health care representative

• National Association of School Nurses’ Back-to-School Checklist
School Nurse

• Identify students with health concerns
• Actively participate in the IPM committee
• Educate staff and parents about public health issues, pests and asthma
• Address health issues with faculty and staff
• Share action plans (asthma, bed bugs, lice) with faculty and parents

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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT

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Does your school district have a policy or plan?
If so, begin to plan for the upcoming school year by:
• Using your Website for Access to your IPM Policy
• Notifying your Staff via a Faculty Meeting or a Mailer
• Contacting all of your Parents about your IPM Plan
IPM Committees

Are recommended for all schools

It is best to get stakeholder input for issues at school and develop a plan on how the team will handle them with an initial meeting at the beginning of the school year.

Team members should include:

- School Administration
- School Nurse
- Custodians
- Maintenance staff
- Teachers and Parents
Purpose of the IPM or Health and Safety Team

Have Periodic Inspections and Team Meetings

Inspect your school building for:
- Sanitation and Cleanliness
- Exclusion
- Consistent Monitoring
- Upkeep of Maintenance
Do you use an Outside Vendor for Pest Management?

- Confirm vendor is compliant with IPM best practices.
- Ask how they will monitor and complete inspections.
- Ask how they will document findings.
- Ask to have face to face meetings with your vendor!
Make IPM a Division Wide Team Effort

• Ensure your IPM practices are efficient.
• Monitor your costs and expenses, and calculate savings.
• Educate key staff members.
• Organize in-service training for all staff members regarding IPM practices.
• The rewards will be a healthy environment in your school for all stakeholders.
Monitor Your IPM Inventory

- How do you store your IPM inventory? - Supply house/Warehouse?
- Are your IPM materials based on work orders or planned preventative treatment?
- Responsibly dispose of materials based on usage and document on a data sheet that can be tracked and monitored over time.
- Start the school year off with an IPM inventory update and with a clean storage area.
There is no better investment than our children.

We are all responsible for maintaining a safe and healthy environment for students and staff. They deserve the best facility to learn in and play in. Having an IPM program supports this!
Back to School and IPM: Custodial Perspective

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Overview
Salt Lake City School District

- Students
  24,674 students
  57% are ethnic minority
  59% from low income families
  33% learning English as a second language

- Facilities
  43 Facilities - 4,334,943 Ft²

- SLCSD employs @4200 people. Includes Administrators, Teachers and support staff.
Priorities- Education

- Education and communication is paramount.
- Educate staff on your schools IPM practice/ culture.
- Be the “Education Professional” of pest management
Priorities- Education

- Educate Faculty and proper reporting in your system.
- What are your thresholds?
Priorities - Education

- Train and retrain custodial staff.
- Quarterly update training
- Maintenance/child nutrition/grounds training.

Education & Communication

- Pesticides
- Physical & Mechanical Control
- Cultural & Sanitation Practices
Education- Sanitation

- Educate educators to keep clutter out.
Education - Sanitation

- Remove/ keep out clutter- Sofa so bad
Education - Sanitation

- Keep clean dumpsters, power wash when needed or change them out.
- Waste stream management - good quality trash liners.
Education- Sanitation

- Lockers, Desks and other storage areas should have no food left overnight.
- Good quality trash liners in classrooms- avoid leakage.
- Avoid aluminum can collecting.
Education - Sanitation

- Start the year with clean drains - summer cleaning
Education - Sanitation

- Educate cleaning staff to clean mops and buckets after use.
- Store mops and brushes upside down up off the floor, possibly in wall racks.
Keep them out

- Conduct Inspection/assessment for entry points.

Diagram:
- Pesticides
- Physical & Mechanical Control
- Cultural & Sanitation Practices
- Education & Communication

[Image of a door with the date 01/27/2011]
Ongoing involvement

- Be a key participant in IPM committee meetings.
- Continue your own education.
We’re all in this together!

- Integrated Pest Management is a Team effort.

LET’S WORK TOGETHER
The End

Questions?
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- Sept. 20  Protecting Students from Mosquitoes and the Zika Virus at Schools
- Oct. 18   Keeping Bats Out of School Buildings
- Nov. 15   Developing an IPM Plan for Your School
- Dec. 13   Managing Cockroaches in Schools
- Jan. 24   Pests of Public Health Importance in Schools
- Feb 21    Contracting for IPM-Based Pest Control Services for Schools
- Mar. 14   Preventing Pests in School Cafeterias and Kitchens
- Apr. 11   Contending with Invasive Plants on School Grounds
- May 9     Managing Bed Bugs in Schools, Childcare Centers and Boarding Schools
- May 23    Managing Yellow Jackets and Other Wasps on School Grounds

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