



Notification: Your Right to Know

The Children’s Pesticide Right-to-Know Act requires your school or day care facility to post notification signs at all sites where pesticides are applied (both indoors and outdoors), at a prominent place in the main office, and at primary entry points to the site of application. The sign in the main office must be posted 48 hours in advance of treatment, and all signs must remain for at least 24 hours afterwards. (The Model Least-Toxic IPM Policy in this Action Kit recommends that signs remain in place for at least a week.) A sample notification sign is below. Additional information about school pesticide use reporting and notification is on the reverse side, including a sample request for advance written notification of school pesticide applications (many districts require parents to make such requests in order to receive written notification).

Sample Pesticide Use Application Sign (at least 8-1/2 by 11 inches)

NOTICE: PESTICIDE APPLICATION

THIS AREA HAS BEEN RECENTLY TREATED WITH PESTICIDES BY YOUR SCHOOL

SIGNAL WORD, NAME OF PESTICIDE(S) APPLIED:
(e.g. DANGER: Confront)

ACTIVE INGREDIENT(S):
cloprialid; triclopyr

APPLICATION DATE AND TIME:

TREATED AREA(S) :

RATE OF APPLICATION:

TARGET PEST:

Caution:

Individuals taking medication, pregnant women, infants, children, and individuals with respiratory or heart disease, chemical sensitivities, or weakened immune systems may be particularly susceptible to adverse health effects due to pesticide exposure.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

Name:

Phone:

The signal word from the pesticide label should appear alongside the product name (e.g. "DANGER: Confront")

You can use either the pesticide product name or the active ingredient to find out more information about the pesticide applied.

Refer to the Hazards of Common Pesticides fact-sheet in this Kit to find out about possible health effects of many frequently used pesticides.

For additional information on these and other pesticides, log on to:

www.pesticideinfo.org

Starting in the 2001-02 school year, Washington school districts are required to notify all parents annually about their pest management policies and methods, including posting and notification requirements. School districts are also required to maintain records of all pesticide applications to school facilities and make records readily accessible to interested persons, and provide an annual summary of all pesticide use in the district during the previous year. Below is a sample annual summary of pesticide use, as well as a sample request for advance written notification of school pesticide applications.

Sample Annual Summary of District Pesticide Use

Name of Pesticide	Active Ingredient(s)	Quantity Applied	School Name
Roundup Concentrate	Glyphosate, isopropylamine salt	Total quantity of concentrate	Bagley Elementary
Dursban	Chlorpyrifos	8 oz.	Lakeview Elementary
Raid Ant & Roach Killer 13	Tetramethrin, Cypermethrin	12 oz.	Stevens Elementary
(Complete report should include summary information on all pesticides applied during the previous year.)			

Sample Request for Written Pesticide Application Notification

I understand that, upon request, the school district is required to supply information about individual pesticide applications at least 48 hours before application. I would like to be notified before each pesticide application at this school.

I prefer to be contacted by (circle one): U.S. Mail Email Phone

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Day Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____

Email: _____

Return to [School Contact Name, Address]

Your school must offer you the option to register to receive advance written notification every time it plans to use a pesticide. If your district requires parents to request such notification, enlist and join with other parents in calling to register. Given large registration numbers, your district may decide it is easier to notify all parents every time than to maintain a registry—or simply to use fewer pesticides!

For more information on school pest control that protects children's health, contact the Washington Toxics Coalition at (206) 632-1545 or info@watoxics.org