

Letter of Support for School Integrated Pest Management

EPA Region 10, the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Washington State University Extension, and the Washington State Department of Health collectively recommend schools use integrated pest management (IPM) as a means to reduce the risk of pests and pesticide exposure to children. The following letter of support from these organizations announces upcoming training and networking events and provides links to IPM resources: http://www.epa.gov/region10/pdf/pesticide/final_school_ipm_letter_of_support.pdf See also EPA's school IPM business case to learn more about the benefits of IPM: <http://www.epa.gov/pestwise/publications/ipm/School-IPM-Business-Case.pdf>.

School Integrated Pest Management Event, March 3rd in Spokane, WA

School administrators, facility directors, custodial and maintenance staff, and contracted pest management professionals are invited to attend a school integrated pest management (IPM) training and networking event on March 3rd, 2015 in Spokane, WA. If you are interested in registering or learning more, please visit <https://www.signup4.net/public/ap.aspx?EID=WSUS11E&OID=50>. Registration is free.



Is your school district interested in recognition for your pest management program?

Does your school district:

- only allow pesticides to be applied by a certified pesticide applicator?
- have a designated integrated pest management (IPM) coordinator that receives regular training?
- have a written IPM policy?
- use a check sheet to address pest conducive conditions and pest problems in your facilities?

Your district may be eligible for EPA's new pilot school IPM recognition program for K-12 public and tribal school districts. EPA will present your district with an award at a school board meeting, local PTA meeting, or meeting of your choice. We will also highlight your program on our Web site and in our newsletter. Contact Juliann Barta, 206-553-1495, barta.juliann@epa.gov to learn more.

Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming School Integrated Pest Management Webinars

Are you a school facility manager, IPM Coordinator, building and grounds supervisor, nurse, administrator, or pest management professional? If so, you play a critical role in reducing the number of pests in your school and in minimizing the exposure of students and staff to pesticides. To help you be better prepared to fill your role, EPA's Center of Expertise for School IPM will host a series of webinars in the coming months on pest management topics of special interest to the school community. These monthly webinars will include presentations from experts in the field.

- **Keeping Rodents Out of Your School** - January 27, 2014 | 11 AM Pacific (archived)
- **Dealing with Nuisance Birds Around Schools** - February 24, 2015 | 11 AM Pacific
- **Managing Outdoor Vertebrate Pests at Schools** - March 31, 2015
- **Avoiding Stinging Insects in School Environments** - April 21, 2015
- **School Turf and Landscape Pest Management** - TBD



Register for upcoming webinars at: www.epa.gov/pestwise/events/sipm-webinars.html