



School Integrated Pest Management Law

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The Oregon Department of Agriculture is reaching out to remind Oregon school boards and governing bodies about the School Integrated Pest Management (IPM) law*, which became effective in 2012. This law helps promote a healthy school environment by setting minimum standards for pest management practices, which include restrictions on pesticide use, and requirements for notification and recordkeeping.

School boards (and other school governing bodies) have certain responsibilities under state law, including:

- **Adopting an IPM plan** that meets or exceeds the standards of the law.
- **Designating a coordinator** for each school to implement and oversee the IPM plan.
- Providing a process for responding to **inquiries and complaints**.
- **Adopting a list of low-impact pesticides** that meet or exceed the standards of the law.
- Providing a process for conducting **outreach to the school community**.



Additionally, school employees and others that apply pesticides on school campuses must be properly licensed by the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), and meet other requirements. The fact sheets below provide a quick summary of some of the requirements. Please distribute these to your staff and others as you see fit.

- **Checklist for School Employees**
<http://oda.direct/IPMSchoolsStaff>
- **Checklist for Commercial Applicators**
<http://oda.direct/IPMSchoolsCPA>

Questions regarding educational opportunities can be directed to the OSU School IPM Program, <http://blogs.oregonstate.edu/schoolipm>

Additional information and resources on the school IPM law may be found at <http://oda.direct/IPMSchools>

*Oregon Revised Statutes Chapter 634.700–634.750

Excerpts from Oregon's School IPM Law

ORS 634.700(1) "Campus" means the buildings, other structures, playgrounds, athletic fields and parking lots of a school and any other areas on the school property that are accessed by students on a regular basis.

ORS 634.700(2) "Governing body" means a board of directors, agency or other body or person having policymaking and general oversight responsibility for a community college district, education service district, school district, other unit of education governance, private school or other educational entity.

ORS 634.700(8) "School" means:

- (a) A facility operating an Oregon prekindergarten or a federal Head Start program;
- (b) A public or private educational institution offering education in all or part of kindergarten through grade 12;
- (c) An education service district as defined in ORS 334.003;
- (d) A community college as defined in ORS 341.005, for the community college's own buildings and ground maintenance;
- (e) The Oregon School for the Deaf; and
- (f) A regional residential academy operated by the Oregon Youth Authority.

ORS 634.705(1) The governing body responsible for a school shall adopt an integrated pest management plan for use on the campuses of the school. The governing body shall also adopt provisions for:

- (a) Designating an integrated pest management plan coordinator;
- (b) Identifying plan coordinator responsibilities;
- (c) Giving notices under ORS 634.740;
- (d) Retaining pesticide application records under ORS 634.750;
- (e) Providing a process for responding to inquiries and complaints about noncompliance with the integrated pest management plan; and
- (f) Conducting outreach to the school community about the school's integrated pest management plan.

ORS 634.705(5) A governing body shall adopt a list of low-impact pesticides for use with the integrated pest management plan. The governing body may include any product on the list except products that:

- (a) Contain a pesticide product or active ingredient that has the signal words "warning" or "danger" on the label;
- (b) Contain a pesticide product classified as a human carcinogen or probable human carcinogen under the United States Environmental Protection Agency 1986 Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment; or
- (c) Contain a pesticide product classified as carcinogenic to humans or likely to be carcinogenic to humans under the United States Environmental Protection Agency 2003 Draft Final Guidelines for Carcinogen Risk Assessment.

ORS 634.710 A governing body may adopt, improve or continue any integrated pest management plan that provides protection against pesticide exposure equal to or greater than the protection against pesticide exposure required by ORS 634.700 to 634.750.