

REEDSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULATION: REGULATIONS REGARDING THE APPLICATION OF PESTICIDES

CODE: EBB-AR

In an attempt to assure proper control of any pesticides or other harmful chemicals which might be used or stored on school premises, the following procedures have been established. Their intent is to prevent unnecessary exposure of staff, students or members of the community to potentially harmful substances.

1. Potentially harmful substances such as insecticides, herbicides or pesticides shall be chosen for their low levels of toxicity. The least toxic formulations and safest methods of application will be selected when there is a choice of products with comparable effectiveness. Whenever practical, non-chemical controls shall be used.
2. Storage of harmful products will be kept to a minimum. Since many chemicals lose effectiveness with storage and storage further increases risk, only enough of the product for a given application will be purchased. If storage instructions are included, they will be followed explicitly. All such products and their application equipment will be stored in separate facilities from those occupied by humans or where food products may be stored. All storage facilities will be maintained as a locked area and will be clearly marked.
3. All harmful products will have complete label instructions, will remain in the original container, and the Material Safety Data Sheet information will be on file and readily available to any employee who must handle such materials or who may have been exposed to the product. This information is also available to any member of the public upon request.
4. All application of harmful products will be made in strict compliance with the label instructions and under no circumstance will the product concentrations exceed those specified in the application instruction.
5. Prior to application of any harmful substance, a written plan for that application will be filed in the business office of the district. The plan will be signed by the district safety officer. The plan will minimally contain:
 - purpose of the application
 - product to be used
 - formulation of the product
 - location and extent of the area to be treated
 - type of equipment to be used
 - date and time of application
 - the total amount of the product to be used

Any warnings that would restrict use of the area following such application will also be part of the plan and will be appropriately posted to notify the public.

6. Harmful substances should always be applied as far from humans as possible. Any indoor applications should be accomplished over a weekend or student vacation period. All indoor areas should be well ventilated prior to reentry by staff or students.
7. If the district chooses to contract with a private state licensed pest control company, such contractors will be subject to regulations as defined in state law.

END OF REGULATION

Legal References: OAR Chapter 437 Subdivision 50 (Personal Protective Equipment)
 OAR Chapter 437 Subdivision 116 (Carcinogens)
 OAR Chapter 437 Subdivision 127 (Medical Services and First Aid)
 OAR Chapter 437 Subdivision 129 (Protective Equipment, Apparel and
 Respirators)
 OAR Chapter 437 Subdivision 136 (General Occupational Health
 Regulations)
 OAR Chapter 437 Subdivision 141 (Ventilation)
 OAR Chapter 437 Subdivision 81 (Agriculture Operation and Farming)

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