

WAPPINGERS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION

Initial Notification to Persons in Parental Relation and Staff Pursuant to Section 409-h of the State Education Law and Commissioner's Regulation 155.24*

Dear Parent, Guardian and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H and State Education Department Commissioner's Regulation 155.24, effective July 1, 2001, require all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year. The Wappingers Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48 hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- a school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72 hours following application;
- anti-microbial pesticides and products;
- nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- silica gels and other nonvolatile insecticides in the form of ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- the application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- the application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- the use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect the individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets; or
- an emergency application of a pesticide to protect against an imminent threat to human health.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

TO RECEIVE PESTICIDE NOTIFICATIONS: If you would like to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school: please click on the following link: <http://groups.google.com/group/wcsd-pesticide-notification> OR if you do not have internet access, please call WCSD Facilities & Operations office at 845-298-5150 to receive a notification of pesticide application by regular mail. If you would like further information about pesticide application or any of these requirements, please contact John Parisella at the above phone number.

***NOTE: Registration for notification must be done annually (we do not maintain any database from prior registrations).**

Wappingers Central School District uses an integrated pest management (IPM) approach. IPM is recommended by the NYS Education Department and the US EPA.