

# PESTICIDE STANDARD WRITTEN NOTIFICATION

## FOR SCHOOLS, DAY CARE PROGRAMS, AND SCHOOL-AGE CHILDCARE PROGRAMS

- The school, day care center, and/or school-age childcare program is responsible for sending this standard written notification form to employees, pupils, parents etc. to insure that they receive this information at least 2 working days prior to any pesticide use.
- It is recommended that the Pest Management Professional use this ready-to-copy standard written notification form for the purpose of providing pesticide use information to the school, day care center, and/or school-age childcare program. The Pest Management Professional should save this form for copying.

**School:**

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Name of School , Day care center, and/or School age childcare program

**Pest Management Company:**

(Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Name

\_\_\_\_\_   
 Address

**Pest Management Professional:**

(Please Print)

\_\_\_\_\_   
 License number

### A. List the Approximate Dates on which the pesticide use shall commence and conclude

**Beginning Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ending Date** \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Record the specific location of the anticipated pesticide use


### C. Pesticide Information (Pest Management Professional should be specific as is possible when listing product(s) to be used)

<b>Pesticide Product Name</b>	<b>Pesticide Type</b>	<b>EPA Registration #</b>	<b>Description/Purpose of treatment and/or application</b>
1.			
2.			
3.			
4.			
5.			

This standard written notification must be accompanied by the following 2 documents. These materials are available from the MDAR web page [www.mass.gov/agr](http://www.mass.gov/agr). Follow the links to the Children's Protection page.

- Chemical Specific Fact Sheet(s)
- Consumer Information Bulletin for school, day care center, and/or school-age childcare program.

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### THE ACT PROTECTING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES FROM HARMFUL PESTICIDES OF 2000

Massachusetts Pesticide Enforcement Consumer Information Bulletin FOR SCHOOLS, DAYCARE CENTERS AND SCHOOL AGE CHILD CARE PROGRAMS

The Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act requires parents, staff, and children to receive this Consumer Information bulletin whenever pesticide applications are being made on the property of your school, daycare center or school age child care program. This bulletin is being provided to you along with a Standard Written Notification form and a Pesticide Specific Factsheet.

#### **Why am I receiving this information and what should I do when I receive it?**

The purpose of the Standard Written Notification is to provide you with information about pesticide applications which are taking place on the property of your school, day care center or school age child care program. The bulletin provides information about precautions you can take to minimize exposure to any pesticides. The Pesticide Specific Factsheets provide information about the properties of the pesticides being used.

#### **Who applies pesticides in my school, daycare center or school age child care program?**

Commercial pest management professionals, facilities managers, grounds personnel or custodians. Regardless of the approach used, the person who applies the pesticides must have a current and valid Pesticide Bureau Applicator license. Check the standard written notification form for the applicator's license number.

#### **How do I know when pesticides are being applied?**

Employees, supervised children and their guardians must receive standard written notification at least two working days prior to the application of pesticides outdoors on the property. The standard written notification form, which accompanies this bulletin, includes:

- approximate dates when the application shall commence and conclude;
- specific location of the application;
- product name, type and EPA Registration number of the pesticide;
- a Pesticide Specific Fact Sheet;
- a description of the purpose of the application and
- this Consumer Information Bulletin

The notification must also be posted in a common area of the facility at least two working days before the outdoor application is to commence and at least 72 hours after the application. Treated areas will be posted with clear and conspicuous warning signs along the perimeter. This information will be supplied to the school by the licensed pesticide applicator.

### **Are applications of pesticides safe?**

All pesticides must be treated with caution. They are intended to be specifically poisonous to target pest insects, weeds, mold, fungus etc. - and may also be harmful to other living things including humans. Some degree of risk is always posed by their use. Because of this inherent risk, a number of regulatory and non-regulatory mechanisms have evolved to deal with those risks. Included among these mechanisms are pesticide regulations such as those enforced by Massachusetts Pesticide Enforcement; licensing and training of pesticide applicators; improved pesticide application methods; and the use of Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

### **What precautions can I take to minimize my exposure to pesticide applications?**

There are several precautions that can be taken to reduce potential exposure to pesticides. These precautions will vary depending on where and how the pesticides are applied. Chemicals may be ingested, inhaled and absorbed through the skin. Know where the pesticide will be applied and how you might come into contact with it. Use common sense. The licensed pesticide applicator is required to post yellow signs to indicate a pesticide application on school grounds. These are some suggested general precautions. Ask the licensed pesticide applicator for other suggestions or directions specific to the work being done.

#### **For outdoor applications:**

- be familiar with the small yellow signs which applicators are required to post when a pesticide is applied outdoors to turf. Stay off the field until the flags are removed.
- if you are sensitive to chemicals, avoid the area of pesticide application for 72 hours.
- ensure that pets are kept away from the area of pesticide application

#### **For indoor applications:**

- cover or refrigerate edible products.
- remove or cover toys, clothes, and bedding from areas to be treated.
- remove pets including their food and water bowls and toys from the area to be treated.
- ventilate as much as possible during and, following an indoor pesticide application, open the windows.
- do not walk on treated areas and carpets until completely dry. Ask about drying times.

### **What types of pesticides will be applied?**

Pesticide applicators may apply pesticides in several forms for control of insects and weeds. Dusts, aerosol sprays, sprays, baits, and fogs are all common forms in which pesticides exist and are used. For control of termites, the soil around the building may be impregnated with a pesticide. To control weeds, pesticides may be used as granules or sprays. Mechanical traps may also be used to control rodents.

In Massachusetts schools daycare centers and school age child care programs have to develop special pest management plans called Integrated Pest Management (IPM) plans. IPM is an approach to pest management which relies on a combination of common sense practices, including pesticides, for preventing and controlling pests. All plans are required to be submitted to the Department of Agricultural Resources. Check the MDAR website to see if your school has submitted its plan. <http://massnrc.org/ipm/index.html>

### **What if I have a question or problem?**

Questions about what pesticides will be applied and why, and specific information about the application should be referred to the licensed pesticide applicator doing the work.

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Enforcement is responsible for enforcing the pesticide regulations and laws. Contact Pesticide Enforcement at 617-626-1781. Additional information can be found at the Pesticide Programs website: <http://www.mass.gov/agr/pesticides/>

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UPON ISSUANCE OF A CERTIFICATION THAT PUBLIC HEALTH REQUIRES  
WAIVER/SHORTENING OF THIS REQUIREMENT  
M.G.L. c. 17, SECTION 2A

**AERIAL ADULTICIDE APPLICATION FOR THE CONTROL OF EASTERN EQUINE  
ENCEPHALITIS virus (EEEv)**

WHEREAS, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) has received a "Certificate of a Public Health Hazard" from Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEv), signed by the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) acting under the authority of 333 CMR 13.03 and M.G.L. c. 17, Section 2A; and;

WHEREAS, the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board in collaboration with DPH has determined that aerial adulticide spraying will be necessary in order to suppress infected mosquitoes and has issued a "Notice of Health Emergency and Mosquito Suppression"; and

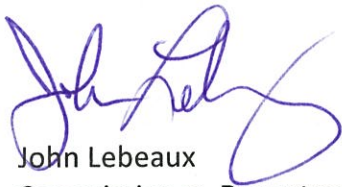
WHEREAS, M.G.L. c. 132B, Section 6C(c)(1) establishes that "whenever pesticides are to be sprayed, released, deposited or applied outdoors at a school, child care center or school age child care program, the school administration, child care center operator or school age child care program operator shall ensure that employees, pupils or supervised children and their parents or guardians receive standard written notification, as defined in section 2, at least two working days before pesticides are sprayed, released, deposited or applied, provided that such spraying, release, deposit or application of pesticides shall not commence prior to the approximate dates set forth on the standard written notification, and shall not conclude more than 72 hours after such approximate dates."

WHEREAS, M.G.L. c. 132B, Section 2, defines "Standard written notification" to include the following information: "the approximate dates on which the spraying, release, deposit or application of a pesticide shall commence and conclude; the specific location of the anticipated application; the product name and type of each pesticide to be used; a department-approved fact sheet and United States Environmental Protection Agency registration number for each pesticide; a description of the purpose of the pesticide application; and a department-approved statement describing ways to minimize exposure, and precautions to be taken, especially for sensitive individuals such as children, the elderly, pregnant women and those with health problems."

WHEREAS, due to the emergency nature of the planned spray activities, the Department has determined that "standard written notification" shall be given through the following: the Department's website; public service radio; and television announcements.

THEREFORE, the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) hereby declares, an emergency situation requiring immediate application of pesticides by aircraft, will expedite the notification process through the use of the Department's website, public service radio, and television announcements, providing the public with twenty-four hour notification by the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EOEEA). This notification will satisfy the notification requirement.

Signed on this <sup>6<sup>th</sup></sup> day of August 2019.



John Lebeaux  
Commissioner, Department of Agricultural Resources