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# Saint Aloysius School 935 Bennetts Mills Road Jackson, NJ 08527 Integrated Pest Management Plan

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The New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 requires schools to implement a school integrated pest management policy. As per this policy, each local school Board of a school district, the Chief Administrator of a public school, each Board

of Trustees of a charter school, and each Principal or Chief Administrator of a non-public school as appropriate, shall implement Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures to control pests and minimize exposure of children, faulty, and staff to pesticides.

Saint Aloysius School shall develop and maintain an IPM plan as part of the school's policy.

Integrated Pest Management on school property is a long-term approach to maintaining healthy landscapes and facilities that minimizes risks to people and the environment. Our school will use ongoing site assessment, pest monitoring, and pest prevention in combination with a variety of pest management tactics to keep pests within acceptable limits. Instead of routine chemical applications, our school will employ mechanical, physical, and biological controls with selective use of pesticides when needed.

Implementation of IPM procedures will determine when to control pests and whether to use mechanical, physical, cultural, biological or chemical methods. Applying IPM principles prevents unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means and with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment.

Each school shall consider the full range of management options, including no option at all.

Non-pesticide pest management methods are to be used whenever possible. The choice of using a pesticide shall be based on a review of all other available options and a determination that these options are not effective or not reason able. When it is determined that a pesticide must be used, low impact pesticides and methods are preferred and shall be considered for use first.

### **Development of IPM plans**

The school IPM plan is a blueprint of how Saint Aloysius School will manage pests through IPM methods. The school IPM plan states the school's goals regarding the management of pests and the use of pesticides. It reflects the school's site - specific needs. The IPM plan shall provide a description of how each component of the school IPM policy will be implemented at the school.

The Principal shall designate an integrated pest management coordinator, who is responsible for the implementation of the school integrated pest management policy and plan.

## **Education / Training**

The school community will be educated about potential pest problems and IPM methods used to achieve the pest management objectives through messages on the school's website at <a href="https://www.staloysiusschool.com">www.staloysiusschool.com</a>.

The IPM Coordinator, other school staff and pesticide applicators involved with implementation of the school IPM policy will be trained in appropriate components of IPM as it pertains to the school environment.

Students, parents/guardians will be provided information on this policy and instructed on how they can contribute to the success of the IPM program. Records of pesticide use shall be maintained on site to meet the requirements of the state regulatory agency and the Principal.

Records shall also include, but are not limited to, pest surveillance data sheets and other non - pesticide pest management methods and practices utilized.

### **Notification/Posting**

The Principal of Saint Aloysius School is responsible for timely notification to students' parents or guardians and the school staff of pesticide treatments pursuant to the School IPM Act.

### Re-entry

Re-entry to a pesticide treated area shall conform to the requirements of the School IPM Act.

#### Pesticide applicators

The IPM coordinator shall ensure that applicators follow state regulations, including licensing requirements and label precautions, and must comply with all components of the School IPM Policy.

#### **Evaluation**

Annually, the Principal shall report to the respective governing boards on the effectiveness of the school IPM plan and make recommendations for improvement as needed. The respective governing board directs the Principal to develop regulations/procedures for the implementation of this policy.

#### **Authorizing Regulatory references**

The School Integrated Pest Management Act of 2002 N.J.A.C. Title 7 Chapter 30 Subchapters 1-12 Pesticide Control Act of 1971

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