

# SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## NOTIFICATION LETTER FOR PARENTS, GUARDIANS AND SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF

The Shaler Area School District uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our goal is to protect every student from pesticide exposure by using an IPM approach to pest management. Our IPM approach focuses on making the school building and grounds an unfavorable habitat for these pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance. We routinely monitor the school building and grounds to detect any pests that are present. Pest sightings are reported to our IPM coordinator who evaluates the "pest problem" and determines the appropriate pest management techniques to address the problem. The techniques can include increased sanitation, modifying storage practices, sealing entry points, physically removing the pest, etc.

From time to time, it may be necessary to use chemicals to manage a pest problem. Chemicals will only be used when necessary, and will not be routinely applied. When chemicals are used, the school will try to use the least toxic products possible. Applications will be made only when unauthorized person(s) do not have access to the area(s) being treated. Notices will be posted for planned applications in these areas 72 hours prior to application and for two days following the application.

Planned fertilizing will take place in the fall during the last week in September through the first week in November and in the spring from April through June on Friday or Monday with Friday being the first choice.

Routine pest control is done in every building in the District the second Friday of every month starting at 2:30 p.m. The pest control technician goes to the Building and Grounds offices first, then the Intermediate School, the High School, the Middle School, Rogers Elementary, Burchfield Elementary, Jeffery Elementary, Marzolf Elementary, and, lastly, Reserve Elementary. If there is no school on the second Friday of the month due to holiday, snow day, etc., the pest control is done the following Friday (the third Friday of the month). Routine pest control for outside areas (bleachers, fields, etc..) will be done at the beginning of each season on Friday.

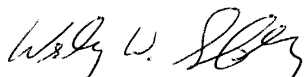
Parents or guardians of students enrolled in the school may request prior notification of specific pesticide applications made at any given school. To receive notification for a specific school, you must be placed on the school's planned notification registry for that school building. If you would like to be placed on this registry, please notify the District in writing. Include your home address, daytime and home phone number, and the school(s) for which you want to be notified. E-mail is our preferred mode of communication for this information, so include your e-mail address if you have one.

**Please forward your written request, which specifies your desired manner of notification to:  
Mike Connors, Shaler Area School District, 1660 Butler Plank Road, Glenshaw, PA, 15116.**

If a chemical application must be made to control an emergency pest problem, notice will be provided to any parent or guardian who has requested such notification in writing for a specific building. Again, our preferred mode of communication will be e-mail unless you specify that you desire a phone call. Exemptions to this notification include disinfectants and antimicrobial products; self-containerized baits placed in areas not accessible to students, and gel-type baits placed in cracks, crevices, or voids; swimming pool maintenance chemicals, and any summertime fertilizer applications. Each year the District will prepare a new notification registry.

If you have any questions, please contact Mike Connors, IPM Coordinator at 412-492-1200, extension 2900.

Sincerely,



Dr. Wes Shipley  
Superintendent of Schools

# PEST CONTROL INFORMATION SHEET

for  
Shaler Area School District

A pest inspection and a possible pesticide application have been scheduled for the

Second Friday of the Month

The school district utilizes an Integrated Pest Management program, applying appropriate pesticides only when needed. Our applicators will select the most appropriate pesticide(s) from the following list of pesticides to control pests identified during their inspections. Not every pesticide listed may be used, and it is possible that no pesticides may be applied at all.

List of Pesticides, which may be used:

<b><u>Brand Name</u></b>	<b><u>EPA Registration Number</u></b>
Muriatic Acid	7647-01-0
Sodium Hypochlorite Solution	7681-52-9
Tempo 1% Dust	3125-569
Confrac	12455-69
Advance Dual Choice	499-459
Drax Ant Kill PF – All Sizes	9444-135
Tempo SC Ultra	3125-498
Uni-Tract	73766-2
Avert	499-294
Wasp Freeze	499-362

For additional information contact:

Bugs B Gone  
184 McCombs Road  
Venetia, PA 15367  
Phone: 724-348-2847

This information is being provided to all school staff and to parents and guardians who have requested this information to meet the requirements of Act 36 of 2002.

*SAMPLE OF SIGN TO BE POSTED FOR ROUTINE PESTICIDE APPLICATION*

## **SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF PESTICIDE APPLICATION**

A Pesticide Application is Planned for the  
Location(s) Listed on This Sign for:

**Second Friday of the Month**

**Do Not Enter Treated Areas from 3:00 p.m. until 10:30 p.m.**

Location(s): Shaler Area Intermediate School  
Shaler Area High School  
Shaler Area Middle School  
Rogers Elementary School  
Burchfield Elementary  
Jeffery Elementary  
Marzolf Elementary  
Reserve Elementary

For more information contact:

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Posted: 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month by the custodian  
Removed: 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month by the custodian

*This sign is required by Act 36 of 2002 and must be posted at least 72 hours prior to any non-emergency pesticide application and remain in place for at least 48 hours following the application. For emergency pesticide applications, this sign must be posted at the time of the application and remain in place for at least 48 hours from the conclusion of the application. To be removed by authorized personnel only.*

DO NOT REMOVE POSTER UNTIL 3<sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH