

Incidental Use Fact Sheet For Schools

"This fact sheet must be distributed to all employees of school districts who apply general use Green List products (or Yellow List products specific to bee and wasp applications) and do not have a Texas Department of Agriculture ornamental plant and turf license or a Structural Pest Control Service noncommercial applicator's or technician license.

The fact sheet, instruction and training must be provided upon initial employment by the school district's IPM Coordinator, and thereafter must be available as needed. These general use Green List pesticides include insecticides only and involve applications made both inside and outside of structures. **Incidental Use is not intended for long term or extensive pest control measures, rather emergency situations where safety of students or workers is at risk and there is insufficient time to contact a licensed applicator.**

Where long-term pest control is required, a trained, licensed person is to make the applications. Examples of Incidental Use situations are treating fire ants in a transformer box or treatments for bees or wasps as a non-routine application to protect children or personnel. Incidental Use is defined as site-specific and incidental to the employee's primary duties. If it is part of the employee's primary duty to make applications of pesticides, that employee is required, by law, to obtain either a Structural Pest Control Service license or Texas Department of Agriculture ornamental plant and turf license, depending on the location and type of application. In all cases of Incidental Use, the employee should use the least hazardous, effective method of controlling pests. All applications to schools or school grounds must be in compliance with school district IPM policies. If chemicals are utilized, they must be applied in strict accordance with manufacturer labels of "General Use" products on the Green or Yellow List products being used. Applications made inconsistent with the Texas Structural Pest Control Service Law and Regulations, or applications made inconsistent with the label requirements of the general use product may result in penalties being assessed against the individual and/or the certified applicator or technician responsible.

"Incidental Use Situation" applications of pesticides are regulated by the Structural Pest Control Service of the Texas Department of Agriculture. If you have any questions or comments, contact the Service at (512) 305-8250 inquiries may be addressed to the Structural Pest Control Service, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas 78711-2847