

# **WOODBRIDGE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**

P.O. Box 428 School Street Woodbridge, NJ 07095 732-602-8551 Charles Impaglia Supervisor Buildings & Grounds

## **ANNUAL NOTICE**

To: Woodbridge Township School District Staff, Parents/Guardians, Visitors and Contractors

From: Charles Impaglia, Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

AHERA Inspection License Reg. RWJ1810AA

Date: October 1, 2023

Re: Notice for AHERA, Use and Storage of Hazardous Substance, Integrated Pest Management Plan

#### Asbestos

The Woodbridge Township Board of Education ("Board") is required to provide notice of the Board's Asbestos Management Plan ("AMP") and any asbestos related activity to parents, teachers, and employee organizations under the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act ("AHERA"), at least once each school year.

In the past, asbestos was used extensively in building material because of its insulating, sound absorbing, and fire retarding capabilities. Virtually any building constructed before the late 1970s contained some asbestos. Intact and undisturbed asbestos materials generally do not pose a health risk. Asbestos materials, however, can become hazardous when, due to damage or deterioration over time, they release fibers. If the fibers are inhaled, they can lead to health problems such as cancer and asbestosis.

In 1986, Congress passed AHERA which requires schools to be inspected to identify any asbestos containing building materials. Suspected asbestos-containing building materials were located, sampled (or assumed) and rated according to condition and potential hazard. Every three years, the Board has conducted a reinspection to determine whether the condition of the known or assumed asbestos containing building materials ("ACBM") has changed and to make recommendations on managing or removing the ACBM. Re-inspections are conducted every six months, with the most recent being conducted June 2023, (all materials listed in the AMP as asbestos-containing (or assumed to be asbestos-containing) were inspected and appropriate response actions were recommended.

The law further requires the AMP to be in place by July 1989. The Board developed a plan, as required, which has been continually updated. The plan has several ongoing requirements: publish a notification on management plan availability and the status of asbestos activities; educate and train its employees about asbestos and how to deal with it; notify short-term or temporary workers on the locations of the asbestos containing building materials; post warning labels in routine maintenance areas where asbestos was previously identified of assumed; follow set plans and procedures designed to minimize the disturbance of asbestos containing building materials; and survey the condition of these materials every six months to assure that they remain in good condition.

During the past year asbestos containing building materials have been removed, encapsulated or enclosed from some of the Board's buildings.

It is the intention of the Board to comply with all federal and state regulations controlling asbestos and to take whatever steps are necessary to ensure students and employees a healthy and safe environment in which to learn and work. You are welcome to review a copy of the AMP in the administrative offices of each school during regular business hours.

The management plan and inspection reports are located in the Main Office of each school; master copies are located at the BOE Office or Buildings & Grounds Office. These reports are available for review upon written request.

#### Use and Storage of Hazardous Substances

We are providing this notice pursuant to the provisions of the Worker and Community Right to Know Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 34:5A-3 <u>et seq.</u>, which was amended to include new requirements for public schools regarding the use and storage of hazardous substances in or on any building or grounds used as a public school. Please take notice that:

- Hazardous substances may be used at our schools in connection with construction and other activities whenever
  children are not expected to be present, and they may also be used when the Board determines that an emergency
  condition necessitates the use of a hazardous substance even though children are expected to be present.
- Notice of any construction or other activity involving the use of any hazardous substances will be posted on a bulletin
  board in the affected school at least two days prior to the construction or other activity except in an emergency
  situation as determined by the Board in which case notice will be posted as soon as practical.
- 3. Hazardous substances may be stored at our schools at various times throughout the year.
- 4. Hazardous substances will be stored and used in a manner that complies with the regulations adopted by the Department of Health and Senior Services pursuant to <u>Section 5 of P.L.</u> 1997, <u>c.</u> 364 (<u>C.</u>34:5A-10.5).
- Hazardous substance fact sheets for any of the hazardous substances used or stored at our school are available at https://web.doh.state.nj.us/rtkhsfs/indexfs.aspx

### Integrated Pest Management

This notice is being distributed to comply with the New Jersey School Integrated Pest Management Act. The Board has adopted an Integrated Pest Management ("IPM") Policy and has implemented an IPM Plan to comply with this law. IMP is a holistic, preventive approach to managing pests that is explained further in the school's IPM Policy, which is available for your review at the Board's offices.

All schools in New Jersey are required to have an Integrated Pest Management Coordinator ("IPM Coordinator") to oversee all activities related to IPM and pesticide use at the school.

The IPM Coordinator for the Board is: Mr. Charles Impaglia

Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds

The IPM Coordinator maintains the pesticide product label, and the Safety Data Sheet ("SDS") (when one is available), of each pesticide product that may be used on school property. The label and the MSDS are available for review by a parent, guardian, staff member, or student attending the school. Also, Charles Impaglia, the Board's Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, is available to discuss comments about IPM activities and pesticide use in each school. He can be reached at (732) 602-8551.

As part of a school pest management plan, the Board may use pesticides to control pests. The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") and the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") register pesticides to determine that the use of a pesticide in accordance with instructions printed on the label does not pose an unreasonable risk to human health and the environment. Nevertheless, the EPA and the DEP cannot guarantee that registered pesticides do not pose any risk to human health, thus unnecessary exposure to pesticides should be avoided. The EPA has issued the statement that where possible, persons who are potentially sensitive, such as pregnant women, infants and children, should avoid unnecessary pesticide exposure.

The following pesticides are in use or have been used on school property in the past 12 months:

Product Name	Active Ingredient	EPA Reg. #
Advion Ant Gel	Indoxacarb	352-746
Final Soft Bait	Brodifacoum	12455-139
Advion Roach Gel Bait	Indoxcarb	352-652
Alpine Dust	Diatomaceous Earth	499-527
Final Blox	Brodifacoum	12455-89
Final Place Packs	Brodifacoum	12455-91
Alpine Dust	Dinotefuran	499-527
Adivon Roach Gel Bait	Indoxacarb	352-652
IN-TICE 10 Perimeter Bait	Orthoboric Acid	73079-6
Advance Dual Choice	Abamectin B1	499-496
IN-TICE 10 Perimeter Bait	Orthoboric Acid	73079-6