



INDEPENDENT PROCEDURE

Title:	PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE USE	Policy No.: 9043
		Effective Date: 2003 January 28
Department:	Operations Support Services, Facility Services and Capital Planning	
Reference(s):	Facility Services Ministry of Environment - <i>Pesticides Act</i> RR0 1990, Reg. 914	

The Thames Valley District School board will provide a safe and healthy environment for our students, staff and users of school properties. To this end the Board will only use pesticides/herbicides to control situations that present a threat to human health and will continue to explore and communicate alternative methods to pesticide use.

1.0 Objectives

- 1.1 To keep Board buildings and their grounds clean, safe and free of pests/rodents
- 1.2 To keep Board school grounds free of hazardous situations resulting from weeds that present a threat to human health while recognizing that herbicides would be used as a last resort where there is a risk to students and staff.

2.0 Procedure for Pesticide Use

- 2.1 The Charge Custodian/Custodian is to inform Operations Supervisor of any pest problem.
- 2.2 Facility Services will promptly inspect problem area and give specific instructions and recommendations to eliminate or control the pest problem without chemical intervention.
- 2.3 If the problem continues, Facility Services will re-evaluate.
- 2.4 The Operations Supervisor will contact appropriate pest control company to set up service to be completed on the afternoon of the last school day of the week or when appropriate **unoccupied** time is available.
- 2.5 The company is to inform Operations Supervisor, school Principal and Charge Custodian with date and time of service.

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3.0 Pest control company is to provide a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) to Charge Custodian for every service call.

3.1 Room(s) and areas will be posted and sprayed or baited after school is dismissed, posted, locked, and closed for the weekend or appropriate time.

3.2 All affected areas to be opened and aired out, and cleaned as appropriate before the next school day begins.

3.3 Pest control company to provide and install stickers to identify where bait for mice is located, such as above ceiling tile.

3.0 Procedure for Herbicide Use

3.1 Herbicides will not be applied to Board properties except in cases where weeds present some threat to human health and they cannot reasonably be eliminated or controlled by non-chemical or organic means; specifically, poison ivy, poison oak and in some cases sports surfaces, would be addressed utilizing herbicide.

3.2 In any cases where herbicides must be used as a result of the above, Ministry of the Environment, Pesticide Regulations must be followed and herbicides applied by qualified applicators with appropriate licensing. Notification will be given to the school administration five (5) working days prior to the application to allow sufficient notification to students and staff. Specific SDS sheets and posting of spraying will be provided as per regulations.