

NEWHALL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
25375 Orchard Village Rd.  
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## **INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN July, 2015**

Structural and landscape pests can pose a significant problem to people and the environment. Toxic pest control chemicals can also pose a significant problem to people and the environment. It is, therefore, the policy of the Newhall School District to incorporate Integrated Pest Management (IPM) procedures for the control of structural and landscape pests. Integrated Pest Management means that pest problems will be alleviated with the least possible hazard to people, property, and the environment by using IPM methods that are safe, effective, and economically feasible. Pesticides will be carefully evaluated before use and will only be used after non-toxic and other safer methods have been considered.

Integrated Pest Management will include the following components:

1. Identify pests that are considered public health problems and methods to prevent them in the least toxic way from becoming a health problem.
2. Identify and evaluate cultural/environmental conditions that encourage pest problems. Make recommendations for remedial action.
3. Monitor population levels of pests to determine treatment procedures.
4. Review all available options for acceptability and/or feasibility before the use of chemical pesticides.
5. Establish and maintain pesticide use reporting and recordkeeping procedures.
6. The District is responsible to notify to work site staff, students and parents/guardians of students of upcoming pesticide applications. Notices will be posted in designated areas at school sites and sent home to parents who wish to be informed in advance of pesticide applications.
7. Ensure that contracted pesticide applicators
  - are educated and trained in the principles and practices of IPM and the use of pesticides approved by the Newhall School District.
  - follow federal, state and local agency regulations and pesticide label precautions when applying pesticides.
  - be State of California licensed as structural and agricultural pesticide applicators.

In addition to the District IPM Coordinator, Principals, Asst. Principals, Office Managers, Office Assistants, Custodians, and Facilities Personnel are involved in making IPM decisions, identifying pest problems, reporting pest problems, and complying with the Healthy Schools Act.

### **Pests and non-chemical management practices**

The Newhall School District has identified the following pests and routinely uses the following non-chemical practices to prevent pests from reaching the action level:

<b>Pest</b>	<b>Remove food</b>	<b>Fix leaks</b>	<b>Seal cracks</b>	<b>Install barriers</b>	<b>Physical removal</b>	<b>Traps</b>	<b>Manage irrigation</b>	<b>Other</b>
Ants	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bait					
Spiders	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Crickets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bait

### **Chemical pest management practices**

If non-chemical methods are ineffective, the school district will consider pesticides only after careful monitoring indicates that they are needed according to pre-established action levels and will use pesticides that pose the least possible hazard and are effective in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property and the environment. We have partnered with Hydrex Pest Control Inc, and they apply the pesticides when needed. All pesticides applied at the school sites are kept in the school office. The two pesticides we commonly use are:

Termidor, active ingredient is Fipronil

Demand, active ingredient is Lambda-Cyhalothrin

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

The Healthy Schools Act of 2000 was signed into law in September 2000 and requires that all schools provide parents or guardians of students with annual written notification of expected pesticide use on school sites. We intend to apply pesticide once a year during the summer when students and staff are on summer break. The Newhall School District has developed an Integrated Pest Management Plan and we will first use non-chemical methods of pest management during the school year.

If, in any given situation, non-chemical methods of pest management are ineffective and it is deemed necessary to use a pesticide during the school year, the school site will be placarded in advance, as required by law. The pesticides we use are TERMIDOR SC, and its active ingredient is Fitronil, and Demand CS, and its active ingredient is Lambda-Cyhalothrin. To get additional information on these pesticides, you can visit the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's website at [www.cdpr.ca.gov](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov). Additionally, a registry of parents or guardians who wish to be personally notified of any pesticide applied at their child's school will be kept by the District. Those listed on this registry will be notified by mail at least 72 hours before pesticides are applied. If you would like to be added to this registry, please request so in writing and mail it to:

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**Be sure to include your complete mailing address.**

If you have any questions, please contact District IPM Coordinator,  
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