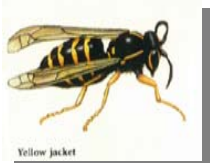


Reduce Pesticide Risk...

IPM



Yellow jacket



...Use Integrated Pest Management

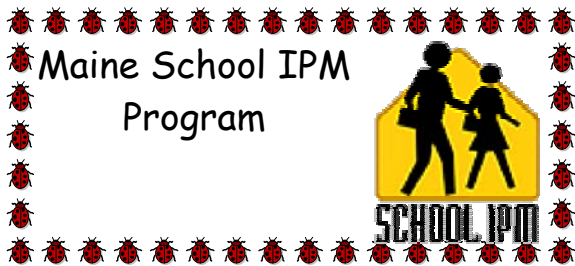
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Finally, a way to reduce risks, manage costs, and provide a **healthy school** environment



Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources



Maine Board of Pesticides Control

...that delivers results the day you begin.

Imagine...



An angry parent demands to know if pesticide exposure in your school could have triggered their child's asthma attack yesterday. What do you say to this outraged parent when you find out that **your staff applied pesticides** that day?



Yes, pesticides may be used daily in Maine schools.

Some common pesticides include:

- Disinfectants
- Ant cups
- 'Weed and feed' lawn products
- Weed sprays
- Insect sprays
- Mouse and rat poison



Are you doing all you can to minimize risks posed by pests and pesticides in your schools?

The solution begins with actions as simple as using good sanitation, repairing a gutter, or replacing a window screen.

Integrated Pest Management, or **IPM**, is a common-sense approach that promises low-risk, long-term solutions, and managed costs.

Benefits of This Low-Risk Approach to Pest Management

- Protects people and the environment from unnecessary pesticide exposure.
- Minimizes the need for pesticides with a combination of pest management methods.
- Promotes sound structures, good indoor air quality, and a healthy, pleasant environment for learning and working.

Practicing Integrated Pest Management in Schools Relies on...

- Good Communication—students, staff, administrators, contractors, even parents play important roles so lines of communication must remain open.
- Being Proactive—take preventative actions to head off pest problems before they get out of hand.
- Using Least-Risk Pest Control—keep facilities clean and well-maintained and use traps, caulking, baits, and low-toxicity pesticides when needed.
- Record-Keeping—keep track of pest monitoring and management actions.

Please send me more information about how I can minimize pesticide risks in schools.

Name _____ School or District _____

Role: _____
(e.g., parent, superintendent, facilities maintenance, food service, teacher, pest control professional, other)

Address: _____

Town _____ Zip: _____

I would like information on: _____ Pesticide Regulations _____ Getting Started with School IPM

Pest Management Fact Sheets for: _____ Ants _____ Stinging insects _____ Turf and lawns _____ Head lice
_____ Disinfectants

Other (please specify how we may help you) _____