

2018 Integrated Pest Management Plan

Annual Notification

Per the Healthy School Act, the following is the Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM) for Ventura Missionary Preschool (VMPS).

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IPM Coordinator: Director of Environmental Services

Integrated Pest Management Plan

IPM Statement: It is the goal of **Ventura Missionary Preschool** to implement IPM by focusing on long-term prevention or suppression of pests through accurate pest identification, by frequent monitoring for pest presence, by applying appropriate action levels, and by making the habitat less conducive to pests using sanitation and mechanical and physical controls. Pesticides that are effective will be used in a manner that minimizes risks to people, property, and the environment, and only after the other options have been shown ineffective

Our pest management objectives are to:

- Focus on long-term pest prevention
- Focus on natural, mechanical and/or physical controls to manage pests when possible
- When pesticides are deemed necessary, we will aim to use products that minimize risks to people, property and the environment

IPM Team

In addition to the IPM Coordinator, following are other individuals who are involved in purchasing, making IPM decisions, applying pesticides and complying with the Healthy Schools Act:

- Facility Services Staff
- Preschool Director
- Executive Pastor/Director

Pest Management Contracting

Pest management services would be contracted to a licensed pest control business.

Pest Identification, Monitoring, and Inspection

Pest identification is done by the following groups/individuals:

- VMC Environmental Services team

Monitoring and inspecting for pests and conditions that lead to pest problems are done regularly by:

- VMC Environmental Services staff, weekly walk-through and as needed
- VMPS Preschool employees, daily visual inspections

Pests and Non-Chemical Management Practices

We will use the following non-chemical management practices prior to using pesticides should the following pests be found at the center:

- Ants: sanitation, eliminating food sources, sealing cracks, installing barriers, bait traps
- Bees: regular inspection, physical removal of nests
- Termites: eliminate food sources, replace infested structures, install barriers
- Spiders: seal cracks, physical removal, natural deterrents (painting dark areas white)
- Rodents: sanitation, eliminating food sources, sealing cracks, installing barriers, physical removal, traps

When the above-mentioned practices are ineffective, the school will use a contracted pest control company to use pesticides as necessary.

Chemical Management Practices

If non-chemical methods are ineffective, our school 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.

Pesticides that would be applied at this center would be posted with notice (data sheets available in the front office):

Training

The preschool staff at Ventura Missionary Preschool have all received the following training(including germicides such as Clorox, bleach, etc.) use:

- School IPM training course approved by the Department of Pesticide Regulation

Should you like to view a hard copy of this IPM, it is available in the preschool office per your request.