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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY

The University of Washington Bothell is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for the users of our institution and to fostering the ecological integrity of our natural assets. As part of this commitment we follow an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program for managing plant and animal pests and invasive species in the built and natural areas of campus.

IPM is a decision making process based on sound science and best management practices that emphasizes prevention and non-chemical treatment methods. Inspection, monitoring and record-keeping are used to determine if, when, and which treatments are needed. Site specific treatments are selected from available biological, cultural, manual, mechanical, physical, educational, and chemical strategies, and are used within an integrated program. Reduced-risk chemical controls are used only if necessary and as a last resort.

IPM treatments are not made according to a predetermined schedule. Instead, they are made only when and where monitoring has indicated that the pest will cause unacceptable health, safety, or economic damage. Treatments are chosen and timed to be most effective and least-hazardous to human health, non-target organisms and the natural environment.

If chemicals pesticides are used to manage pests, the following guidelines are adhered to:

- No “High Hazard Pesticides” will be used, as defined below and detailed in the Integrated Pest Management Procedures document.
If a pesticide meets any of the following criteria it will constitute a “high hazard pesticide” and shall not be used on the University of Washington Bothell campus or managed properties: acutely toxic to humans or animals; a known, likely, probable, or possible carcinogen; a nervous system, reproductive, or developmental toxicant or hormone disruptor in humans; persistent in the environment (half-life of 100 days or greater) or has a high mobility in soils.
- Whenever possible, pesticide treatments will be conducted at times when possible exposure to the campus population is low.
- Pesticides used must be pre-approved in writing by an appointed employee within the Facilities and Campus Operations department.
- Records of applications and Safety Data Sheets for approved materials are on file within the Facilities and Campus Operations department.
- Notification and posting of pesticide treatments will be made in accordance with applicable state laws.
- All exception requests to this policy shall be made in writing. The IPM Advisory Committee will review and make recommendations for each request prior to application of the exemption product where time permits.

This Integrated Pest Management Policy and the joint Integrated Pest Management Procedures document will be shared with vendors and contractors and included in future Requests for Proposals. University of Washington Bothell staff and any hired vendors and contractors will be required to follow this policy.

Legal Reference: RCW17.15 Integrated Pest Management

