

Town of Yountville

Integrated Pest Management Program

Purpose

The Town of Yountville is establishing this policy for Town Departments and Town contractors who apply pesticides to Town property to eliminate or reduce pesticide applications on Town property to the maximum extent feasible. This policy concerns only the application of pesticides to public property owned and maintained by the Town and does not concern the application of pesticides on private property.

I. Policy

The Town, in carrying out its operations, shall assume pesticides are potentially hazardous to human and environmental health. Town Departments shall give preference to reasonably available non-pesticide alternatives when considering the use of pesticides on Town property. For all pest problems on Town property, Town Departments shall follow the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach outlined below.

1. Monitor each pest ecosystem to determine the occurrence, if present. Identify decisions and practices that could affect pest populations. Keep records of such monitoring;
2. Identify in a IPM implementation plan the course of action for controlling each pest at each site;
3. Consider a range of potential treatments for the pest problem. Employ non-pesticide management tactics first. Consider the use of chemicals only as a last resort and select and use chemicals only within the IPM program in accordance with the manufacturer's directions and warnings including:

- a. Determine the most effective treatment time, based on pest biology and other variables such as weather, seasonal changes in wildlife use and local conditions,
 - b. Modify pest ecosystems to reduce food and living space,
 - c. Use physical controls such as mulch, hand weeding, traps and barriers,
 - d. Use biological controls such as introducing or enhancing pests' natural enemies;
4. Use, when necessary, only a product from the list of pre-approved list of pesticides or submit a request to the Public Works Director or Town Manager for approval prior to using a new pesticide product.
5. Each pre-approved pesticide product will have a MSDS and department operation procedure sheet on file and available for staff to review as needed.
6. Conduct and participate in ongoing educational programs:
 - a. Department employees will maintain current pesticide applicators certificates which includes participating in ongoing trainings,
 - b. Inform the public of the Town's attempt to reduced pesticide use and respond to questions from the public about the Town's pest management practices,
 - c. Maintain ongoing compliance and relationships with the Napa County Agricultural Commission and the State of California Department of Pesticide Application as it relates to ongoing education and certification.
7. Remain in compliance with the Napa County Agricultural Commission and the State of California Department of Pesticide Application and complete all documentation and reporting as directed by those agencies including;
 - a. The target pest

- b. The type and quantity of pesticide used
 - c. The date of the use
 - d. The name of the applicator
 - e. The equipment used
 - f. Prevention and other non-chemical methods of control used
8. Inform contractors of and provide a copy of the Town's IPM to all pest control contractors;
9. Noticing of pesticide use;

When using a restricted chemical signage will be posted according to both Napa County Agricultural Commissioner and California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) laws and regulations. <http://www.countyofnapa.org/AgCom/> and <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/>

II. EXEMPTIONS

Improving and maintaining water quality. This policy shall not apply towards pesticide use for the purpose of improving or maintaining water quality at Drinking Water Treatment plants; Joint Wastewater Treatment Plant; ponds, and related collection, distribution and treatment facilities. Efforts will be made to use an IPM approach.

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