

**RESOLUTION NO. 191-13**

**TOWNSHIP OF VOORHEES  
AUTHORIZING IMPLEMENTATION OF  
AN INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**INTRODUCTION**

**WHEREAS**, pests are populations of living organisms (animals, plants, or microorganisms) that interfere with the use of buildings and other facilities for human purposes; and

Integrated Pest Management (IPM) is a methodology that establishes a sustainable approach to managing pests by combining cultural, physical, biological, and chemical tools in a way that minimizes health, environmental, and economic risks; and

**WHEREAS**, Voorhees Township has adopted this IPM Implementation Plan for the buildings and grounds it owns and manages. The plan outlines procedures to be followed to protect the health and safety of municipal employees, residents, and the general public from pest and pesticide hazards.

The objectives of this IPM plan include:

1. Elimination of significant threats caused by pests to the health and safety of municipal employees, residents, and the general public.
2. Prevention of loss or damage to structures or other property by pests.
3. Protection of environmental quality both inside and outside of Township-owned and managed buildings.

This IPM plan will be stored in the offices of Township Administration and the IPM Coordinator and shall be implemented as follows:

**IPM COORDINATOR**

The Director of Public Works or designee shall be the Township's IPM Coordinator and be responsible to implement the IPM plan, coordinate pest management-related activities, and conduct a regular review of the Township's IPM program.

**POSTING AND NOTIFICATION OF PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS**

The IPM Coordinator shall be responsible for planned and emergency applications of pesticides in Township-owned and managed buildings and grounds.

When pesticide applications are scheduled in Township-owned or controlled buildings and grounds, municipal applicators and contracted Pest Control Service Providers shall provide notification as required by law.

Where pests pose an immediate threat to the health and safety of municipal employees or residents, the Township may authorize an emergency pesticide application. Disinfectants, anti-microbials and self-contained or gel-type pesticide baits applied in inaccessible areas are exempt from posting and notification.

**RECORD KEEPING AND PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

The Township will maintain records of Pest Control Service Provider visits and pest control treatments as required by law. Information regarding pest management activities will be made available to the public at the Township's administrative office subject to the requirements of the New Jersey Freedom of Information Act.

**TRAINING**

All municipal employees will be provided with information on the Township's IPM plan at hire and after any major plan revision. This information will include the general rationale for the IPM program and specific program elements related to their position.

Additionally, designated municipal employees, including the IPM Coordinator, will receive training on identifying pest infestations and pest-conducive conditions. This training will improve the ability of the Township to oversee service provider and municipal employee compliance with the Township's IPM plan.

**GENERAL IPM STRATEGIES**

Pest management strategies may include education, exclusion, sanitation, maintenance, biological and mechanical controls, and site-appropriate pesticides.

An Integrated Pest Management decision of the Township shall consist of the following steps:

1. Identify pest species.
2. Estimate pest populations and compare to established action thresholds.
3. Select the appropriate management tactics based on current on-site information.
4. Assess effectiveness of pest management.
5. Keep appropriate records.

Decisions concerning whether or not pesticides should be applied in a given situation will be based on a review of all available options. Efforts will be made to avoid the use of pesticides by adequate pest proofing of facilities, good sanitation practices, selection of pest-resistant plant materials, and appropriate horticultural practices where practicable.

When it is determined that a pesticide must be used in order to meet pest management objectives, the least-hazardous material, adequate for the job, will be chosen.

All pesticide storage, transportation, and application will be conducted as required by law.

No person shall apply, store, or dispose of any pesticide on Township-owned or managed buildings and grounds without an appropriate pesticide applicator license. All pesticide applicators will be trained in the principles and practices of IPM and the use of pesticides approved by the Township. All applicators must comply with the IPM plan and follow appropriate regulations and label precautions when using pesticides in or around Township facilities.

Township facility renovation or reconstruction projects shall include a review of plans for pest-conducive conditions, possible pest-proofing measures, and inspection during construction, where practicable, to assist in the prevention of potential pest problems.

#### **SPECIFIC IPM STRATEGIES**

In accordance with Township Resolution No. 126-08, Township of Voorhees Pesticide Reduction Policy, the Township will designate public properties such as community parks as "Pesticide Free Zones." These areas will be posted with a sign indicating that conventional chemical pesticides have not been applied at the site.

#### **TOWNSHIP SERVICE PROVIDER ROLES**

Township-contracted service providers will be guided by the Township IPM plan wherever applicable.

Pest Control Service Providers will be directed to provide special attention to pest-vulnerable areas that may include food storage, preparation and serving areas; washrooms; custodial closets; mechanical rooms and entryways into buildings.

#### **MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEE ROLES**

Township administration will provide support to assist the IPM Coordinator in maintaining an IPM plan that relies on minimal pesticide use. Such support will include efforts to address any structural, horticultural, or sanitation changes recommended by the Coordinator to reduce or prevent pest problems.

Furthermore, Township administration will assist the Coordinator in developing and delivering materials and programs for municipal employees and residents to educate them about the importance of pest control.

DATE: SEPTEMBER 9, 2013

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SECONDED: MR. FRIEDMAN

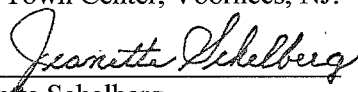
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APPROVED BY:

  
Michael R. Mignogna, Mayor

ABSENT: 1 MRS. AYES

I, Jeanette Schelberg, Voorhees Township Clerk, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Mayor and Township Committee, at their meeting of September 9, 2013, held in the Municipal Building, 2400 Voorhees Town Center, Voorhees, NJ.

  
Jeanette Schelberg  
Township Clerk