

Fairfield Public Schools
Fairfield, CT 06825

TO: Fairfield Warde High School Community
Mill Hill Elementary School Community

FROM: Thomas P. Cullen
Director of Operations

DATE: November 16, 2015

RE: **Notification of Pesticide Application for German Yellow Jacket Bees**

The Fairfield Public School district uses an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) program approach for managing insects, rodents, and weeds. Our goal in using this approach to pest management is to protect every student and staff member from pesticide exposure. Our IPM program approach focuses on making the school buildings and grounds an unfavorable habitat for pests by removing food and water sources and eliminating their hiding and breeding places. We accomplish this through routine cleaning and maintenance.

From time to time it may be necessary to use pesticides registered by the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to manage a pest problem. A pesticide will only be used when it is necessary, and will not be routinely applied. Applications like this will be performed by a licensed authorized contractor and notices will be provided with 24 hours in advance.

It is at this time that we need to provide notification to Fairfield Warde High School Community (FWHS) and Mill Hill Elementary School Community. We have confirmed the presence of german yellow jacket bees in the soffit areas of both school buildings that are working their way into the school buildings and are directly affecting the FWHS band room and the Mill Hill second grade classroom # 3. Per the State DEEP, we are required to provide notification for the use of any pesticide application within a school building.

The company we are in contract with is called Envirocare Pest Control, LLC and they are recommending treating the german yellow jacket bees with two insecticides as follows:

1. 565 Plus XLO – Contact Insecticide
By Whitmire Micro-Gen

The active ingredients are:

Pyrethrins, a botanical insecticide
Piperonyl Butoxide, technical
n-Octyl Bicycloheptene Dicarboximide

2. Drione Insecticide
By Bayer Environmental Science

The active ingredients are:

- Pyrethrins including cinerins
- Piperonyl Butoxide
- Silica, amorphe
- Distillates (petroleum), hydrotreated light

The specific location for the application will be the FWHS Band Room and the Mill Hill School second grade classroom # 3.

The date of the application will be performed on November 18, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. at FWHS and at 4:00 p.m. at Mill Hill School. Once the exterminator completes their work, occupancy is allowed.

- The headmaster for FWHS is Mr. David Ebling and can be reached at 203-255-8449 for questions about FWHS location.
- The principal for Mill Hill Elementary School is Mr. Kevin Chase and can be reached at 203-255-8320, however Mr. Kevin Chase is out of the school building and Ms. Teresa Samuelson is covering for questions about Mill Hill location.
- The Director of Operations is Mr. Thomas Cullen and I can be reached at 203-255-8373.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please feel free to contact any of the people listed above.

Thank you.

c: Central Office Administrators
Sands Cleary, Director of Health
David Ebling
Teresa Samuelson