

**WAC 110-302-0255 Pest control.** (1) Except for ONB programs that enroll only school-age children and operate on public or private school premises, ONB programs operating in natural environments must prevent and manage the children's exposure to toxic or infectious agents, such as potentially toxic animal waste, bee stings, and potentially toxic plants or fungi. ONB programs must notify staff, parents and guardians if pesticides are applied on or near the ONB program space, pursuant to WAC 110-302-0225, 110-302-0240, and 110-302-0505.

(2) ONB school-age only providers that operate on public or private school premises must have a pest control policy that emphasizes prevention and natural, nonchemical, low-toxicity methods where pesticides or herbicides are used as a last resort, also known as "integrated pest management." In areas where local pest control policies are already in place, such as a school district, school-age ONB programs may adopt or amend such policies to develop its own policy.

(3) ONB programs operating on private or public park land must work with the owners or park directors or their designees to comply with the following:

(a) **Prevention.** ONB providers must take steps to prevent attracting pests including, but not limited to, identifying and removing food and water sources that attract pests.

(b) **Inspection.** Indoor and outdoor areas in and around the licensed space must be inspected for evidence of pests. ONB providers must document the date and location if evidence is found.

(c) **Notification.** If pesticides are used, except in the case of an emergency such as the discovery of a wasp nest, ONB providers must notify the parents or guardians of enrolled children at least 48 hours before application what pesticide will be applied and where it will be applied.

(d) **Application.** Pesticides must not be applied to ONB program space when children are present.

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