



SPRAYING – ADJACENT ORCHARDS

Context

The Principal shall have an awareness of adjacent orchards that have a potential to use pesticides or herbicides on their property.

These procedures are intended to ensure safety for students during orchard spray periods.

Procedures

1. The Principal has the responsibility to contact the orchardist to express concerns of spraying and to build a relationship to ensure that safe procedures are adhered to for the safety of staff and students.
2. The Principal and orchardist to agree on spraying applications during core school hours (i.e., 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) and contact school authorities at least one day prior to spraying during school hours.
3. The Principal, Vice-Principal, or designate has the responsibility to ensure that adequate safety precautions are followed:
 - 3.1. Irrigating playing fields next to orchards right after spray has been applied to act as a physical barrier for spray residue if drift has occurred.
 - 3.2. Making students aware of no entry into the irrigated area or zone.
 - 3.3. Ensuring precautions relating to washing prior to lunch will be followed.
 - 3.4. Requiring windows in the school to be closed if there is any danger of drift.
 - 3.5. Cautioning students not to walk through orchards going to or from school.
4. The Principal, Vice-Principal, or designate may direct concerns regarding these procedures to the manager of the BC Fruit Growers Association at 250-762-5226.
5. For pesticide spraying concerns for schools that border residential agriculture properties within the City of Kelowna, contact the City of Kelowna Development Services at 250-469-8632.

Relevant Board Policy: N/A

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