

Tentative Specification for ‘Pest Management for Outdoor Spaces’

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Background

In April of 2018 a tentative specification for Pest Management for Outdoor Spaces was approved by the Interagency Committee. Comments on the tentative specification were received from Healthy Schools Network, suggesting the specification include recommendations for native species landscaping with examples or a reference to Cornell University’s Integrated Pest Management webpages. In addition, comments were offered by NYS Department of Health (DOH).

In response to these comments, the following changes were made to the specification:

- A paragraph was added to the specification referencing Cornell University’s College of Agriculture and Life Science’s Integrated Pest Management Program for information and assistance.
- As suggested by DOH, language was added to make affected entities aware that the use of pesticides is prohibited on the grounds of schools and day care centers in New York.
- As suggested by DOH, additional details were provided on what a biopesticide is. Also, information was added directing readers to a DEC database that contains a listing of registered biopesticide products.
- As suggested by DOH, language was added to make affected entities aware that they must comply with all applicable pesticide notification requirements.