



Twenty Tips For Healthy Grounds

Minimize use of unnecessary pesticides and create a healthy school environment with the following suggestions...

Seal buildings!

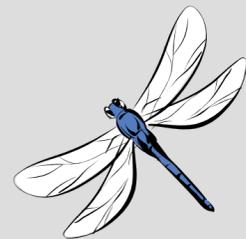
- ✓ Make sure doors seal and self-close correctly.
- ✓ Seal around conduits, windows, gaps in masonry, etc.
- ✓ Eliminate any unscreened access from outside.
- ✓ Check air curtains regularly for correct setting.

Create space around your buildings!

- ✓ Allow a 1 foot gap between the building and vegetation.
- ✓ Eliminate creeping vines on building, improper irrigation (such as on walls or near foundation).

Manage waste!

- ✓ Position dumpsters at least 50 ft from doors.
- ✓ Keep dumpster lids **CLOSED**.
- ✓ Keep ground around dumpster free of stray garbage.
- ✓ Have dumpster cleaned or replaced as needed to avoid build up.
- ✓ Elevate trash cans or place them on concrete.
- ✓ Opt for trash cans with self-closing lids.
- ✓ Choose quality liners to avoid tearing and spillage.
- ✓ Never position trash cans next to exterior doors.



Avoid pest conducive conditions!

- ✓ Regularly clean debris out of gutters and other drainage catch areas to
reduce pest harborage.
- ✓ Check that escutcheon plates are in place.
- ✓ Seal around pipe-chases and conduits that enter walls or drop-ceilings.
- ✓ Use quality silicon-based, elastomeric sealants on small cracks & crevices.
- ✓ Use high quality concrete fillers or steel wool to fill larger gaps.
- ✓ Avoid killing grass with herbicides in place of trimming; allow “fluffy” borders or weed eat.

✓ Remove unused irrigation sites, and regularly inspect for repairs to avoid

over-watering.

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