KIDS LEARN BETTER IN A CLEAN & HEALTHY SCHOOL
It’s Everyone’s Job!

TOP TEN LIST for WHAT MAINTENANCE STAFF CAN DO:

☑ WORK WITH SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE to raise awareness of and achieve a healthy school environment.

☑ FIX ROOF AND PLUMBING LEAKS PROMPTLY. Dry out wet materials and remove/remediate any materials that have not dried out in 48 hours.

☑ ESTABLISH AND FOLLOW A REGULAR SCHEDULE for inspecting plumbing, roofs, ceilings, walls, floors, and carpeting for water leakage and mold growth or moldy odor.

☑ ADOPT AND FOLLOW INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT (IPM) METHODS:
  - Do not spray pesticides.
  - Remove food waste and water that may attract pests to specific areas.
  - Report clutter that can provide shelter for pests.
  - Empty trash containers daily into sealed container, preferably located away from school building.
  - Seal up cracks, holes or any other points of entry for pests.
  - Install and maintain door sweeps on exterior doors to prevent pest entry.
  - Engage a licensed pesticide applicator to place bait and traps or any other pesticide in school buildings. [N.J.A.C. 30.6.1(a)]

☑ KEEP THE BUILDING CLEAN
  - Use entryway walk-off mats to reduce dust and dirt tracked into school building.
  - Damp or wet mop floors daily.
  - Vacuum carpeted areas daily. (Long term, replace carpeting with washable hard surface floors. Carpet collects allergens and toxins.)

☑ ESTABLISH, FOLLOW AND DOCUMENT REGULAR SCHEDULE OF MAINTENANCE for Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning (HVAC) system.
  - Keep outdoor air intakes vents open and free of debris.
  - Inspect and change air filters per room according to a regular schedule.
  - Maintain winter temperatures at 68° to 74°F.

☑ MINIMIZE EXPOSURES TO TOXIC CHEMICALS
  - Specify unscented, low odor, low toxicity cleaning products.
  - Do not disturb asbestos containing building material or lead-based paint (pre-1978).

☑ ISOLATE AREAS UNDER RENOVATION OR CONSTRUCTION from occupied areas.

☑ WORK WITH ADMINISTRATION to ensure compliance with NJ regulations related to:
  - Right to Know
  - Radon testing
  - Pesticide use
  - Asbestos management
  - Construction management

☑ RESPOND PROMPTLY to questions and complaints about school conditions.


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