



FACILITY SUPPORT OPERATIONS
MAINTENANCE - FACILITY MODIFICATIONS -
CENTRAL SUPPLY & DELIVERY SERVICES

Memo

To: Principals; Secretaries; Custodians

From: Warehouse

CC: File

Date: 18 September 2017

Re: FIRE ANTS

Facility Support Operations now has an employee on staff who is licensed to apply pesticides. Requests to treat outdoor areas for Fire Ants will now be handled internally by FSO.

The procedure for reporting Fire Ants has not changed. You will still send a Pest Control Request form to the warehouse. However, we ask that you put Fire Ants on a separate document from any other pests, since the forms will be used internally for Fire Ants, while forms for other pests will still be sent to our contracted pest control company.

In some Fire Ant cases, a liquid treatment will be applied for spot treatments. When this product is used, students and personnel will have to avoid the treated areas until the product has dried.

For large treatment areas, a granular form of ant bait may be used, and the following conditions must be met for this product to be applied:

- 1) There can be NO water in that area at all, this includes dew, irrigation or rainfall.
- 2) The ground temperature also must be above 60 degrees (which is generally not an issue in our area).
- 3) If rain is expected within 24 hrs., he will not be able to treat because the rain will wash away or destroy the bait before the ants can carry it to their colonies.

Please be patient, we are working as diligently as possible to make sure that your school is being treated as quickly as possible. Our concern is the safety of the children first and foremost.