



Glossary of Terms for Understanding Local Law 37

25b Minimum Risk Pesticides: Products that contain active ingredients that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has specifically listed as exempt from regulation.

Active Ingredient: A pesticidal agent that is specifically intended to kill, impede or repel a target pest and which is listed on the pesticide product label. Pesticide products may contain one or multiple active ingredients.

Anti-microbial pesticide: Pesticides intended to disinfect, sanitize, reduce, or mitigate growth or development of microbiological organisms.

Biological pesticide: Naturally occurring substances or organisms, such as *Bacillus thuringiensis* (Bti) designed to kill or repel pests.

Carcinogenic: Capable of causing cancer. Local Law 37 prohibits known, probable, suspect and likely carcinogens.

City property: For the purposes of applying Local Law 37, City property is a blanket term for all property owned or leased by the City.

City personnel: Persons directly employed by the City.

Contractors: Persons or independent businesses party to a contract or sub-contract with the City.

Developmental toxin: an agent that impedes normal growth and development in fetuses, infants and children.

DOHMH: New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

EPA: United States Environmental Protection Agency

EPA Registration Number: The unique identifying number assigned by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to a pesticide product.

HVAC Systems: Heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems. Pesticides used for HVAC maintenance are exempt from prohibition and notification requirements.

Inert Ingredient: Any component of a pesticide product that is not a listed active ingredient.

Infestation: a population of pests that has reached a level that must be controlled.

Integrated Pest Management (IPM): A system to manage and prevent pest populations through structural, behavioral and sanitary measures. Under IPM, pesticides -- and those least likely to pose human health risks -- are applied only as a component of a broader pest control plan.

Inter-Agency Pesticide Management Committee (PMC): Established under Local Law 37, the PMC includes representatives from municipal agencies that conduct or oversee pest control activities.

Pesticide Product: A pesticide active ingredient, a combination of multiple active ingredients, or one or more active ingredients in combination with inert ingredients.

Prior Notification: Under the provisions of Local Law 37, prior notification refers to the warning notice that must be posted prior to pesticide applications on City property.

Target Pest: The species or other classification of pests to be controlled, such as rodents, roaches, or weeds.

Toxicity Category I: A pesticide product required by the EPA to be labeled with the signal word "Danger." EPA tests all pesticide products for their acute toxicity and assigns a toxicity category based on those tests. Toxicity Category I pesticides are the most acutely toxic.

Waivers: The granting by DOHMH to an agency the right to temporarily continue the use of an otherwise prohibited product.

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