

Resolution #14-124

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY
ADOPTING A GREEN GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE POLICY**

WHEREAS, the City of Woodbury wishes to incorporate Green Grounds and Maintenance practices into the current grounds maintenance operations where practicable and fiscally responsible; and

WHEREAS, the attached policy provides guidance to the City's Public Works Department to promote efficient landscape design, minimize water usage, encourage the use of compost materials and integrated pest management practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury, County of Gloucester, hereby adopts the attached Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy.

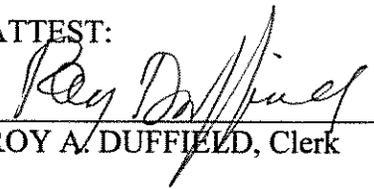
ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Woodbury held on June 24, 2014.

CITY OF WOODBURY

By: _____


DAVID TROVATO,
President Pro Tem

ATTEST:



ROY A. DUFFIELD, Clerk

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ATTACHMENT POLICY

CITY OF WOODBURY GREEN GROUNDS AND MAINTENANCE POLICY

In a continued effort towards sustainability and green practices, the City of Woodbury desires to incorporate Green Grounds and Maintenance practices into the current grounds maintenance operations. As responsible stewards of municipal land, park systems, and open space, it is the City's goal, by the adoption of this policy, to ensure best practices for grounds maintenance in the areas of efficient landscape design, minimized water consumption, recycled and composted materials, and integrated pest management. In doing so, the City shall continue to promote healthy, environmentally sound public lands, in turn promoting a truly sustainable community for City residents. The Public Works Department where applicable shall give consideration to the following objectives, and where practicable and fiscally responsible, implement such objectives.

Efficient Landscape Design:

- Use native, low maintenance plants
- Group plantings according to their water needs
- Strive for "Zero irrigation" by using low water-use plants
- Reduce water evaporation by mulching plantings
- Encourage regular maintenance
- Promote healthy soil
- Smart landscape design: allow energy efficient maintenance, promote aesthetically pleasing public space
- Minimize lawn area to reduce required maintenance

Minimize Water Consumption:

- Install landscaping or plantings that require no or little irrigation
- Zero irrigation: use low-water plants
- Utilize automatic flush/sink sensors in City buildings when renovating or otherwise feasible
- Utilize rain gardens, rain barrels, where appropriate and possible, and other measures to help mitigate and control stormwater runoff
- Water landscapes only when needed; be sensitive to weather and species-specific need
- Search for and fix leaks promptly

Integrated Pest Management

- Where practical use only environmentally friendly fertilizers and pesticides
- Minimize use of pesticides

- Avoid excessive fertilizer use
- Keep tree branches and shrubbery well-maintained and away from buildings
- Ensure roofs are repaired in a timely manner so as not to attract insects to deteriorating wood
- Adhere to a seeding and aeration program in the spring and fall
- Discourage pests: keep City grounds and facilities free of trash, litter, unnecessary debris
- Establish a reasonable action threshold with the intent to control pest levels
- Evaluate and adjust IPM practices regularly

Recycled and Composted Materials

- Use recycled/composted mulch on City grounds
- Utilize cut-it and leave-it practices on all City grounds and playing fields where advisable