

RESOLUTION # BH 10:09

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS, SOMERSET COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ENDORSING THE TOWNSHIP'S INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT POLICY

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Township Committee of the Township of Bernards adopted Resolution #080520 on December 23, 2008 in order to adopt Integrated Pest Management as the Township's pest management policy; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management is coordinated use of pest and environmental information and all available pest control methods (sanitation, mechanical, biological and "least toxic" chemical) to prevent unacceptable levels of pest damage by the most economical means with the least possible hazard to people, property and the environment; and

WHEREAS, Integrated Pest Management has been investigated and considered by the Environmental Commission and has been recommended by the Environmental Commission as a desirable and appropriate policy in order to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides, and

WHEREAS, the Township of Bernards maintains public properties at which pest management issues are an ongoing concern, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Health has determined that it is in the best interest of the health, welfare, comfort and safety of the Township's citizens for the Board to endorse the adoption by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards of Integrated Pest Management as the Township's pest management policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Health of the Township of Bernards that the Board does hereby endorse the adoption by the Township Committee of the Township of Bernards of Integrated Pest Management, as the pest control policy and strategy to be employed in the maintenance of the Township's public properties and facilities, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Health of the Township of Bernards encourages all citizens to make every effort to participate in this endeavor on their own property.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

**BOARD OF HEALTH OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF BERNARDS**

By: _____
Dr. Albert Pizzale, Board President

Explanation

Last year, the Township was requested to look into converting over to organic fertilizers and minimizing the use of pesticides in Public Areas. They explored this request and adopted the "2008 Pest Management System for our Parks and other Public Areas" in December 2008. The Plan states that the Township shall employ "other tools" such as native planting, manual control hand weeding, organic agents, etc. before employing a "treatment of last resort" such as, various pyrethrins insecticides and glyphosate (with the appropriate notification). The plan also sets up "Pesticide Free Zones" at various areas within Township parks.

The Board of Health was requested by the Environmental Commission to endorse the Township's policy for Integrated Pest Management to demonstrate its commitment to the health, welfare and well being of residents and all who use Township facilities, parks and other public lands, as well as, the protection of the environment.

Lucy Forgione
Date: March 12, 2009