



**Back to Nature Home & Garden Donates 1,000 Free Trees
to Bernards Township Residents**

Free Trees are Available to Township Residents from September 26 – October 5, 2014

Basking Ridge, NJ – DATE – Back to Nature Home & Garden is partnering with Bernards Township in support of the Five in 5 Campaign by donating 1,000 free trees to Bernards Township residents. Free trees will be available for pick-up at Back to Nature's retail location starting Friday, September 26 through Sunday, October 5, 2014.

The Bernards Township Shade Tree Commission launched the Five in 5 Campaign in response to destruction from Hurricane Sandy. The Township estimates that it lost at least 15,000 trees during the storm. In response to the devastation, the Shade Tree Commission has challenged members of the community to plant five trees in their yards over the next 5 years. "Hurricane Sandy changed our community forever. Trees that had stood for years were uprooted in minutes," notes Bruce McArthur, Township Administrator, Bernards Township. "Replacing them is a priority for the continued health and beauty of our community."

"Hurricane Sandy – specifically tree loss due to the storm - significantly changed our environment and the effects on the local ecology has been great," says Anthony Sblendorio, Owner, Back to Nature Home & Garden. "As a Bernards Township business owner and resident, we are thrilled to be partnering with the Township to provide these trees to help the community meet the Township's important goal."

The program was designed to allow any Township resident to take home and plant one of the free trees designated for the program. Trees will be available on a first come first serve basis and can be picked up at Back to Nature's retail location at 3055 Valley Road, Basking Ridge starting on September 26, 2014. The program will run every day through Sunday, October 5, 2014. Trees can fit in most standard size cars.

Remember, Fall is a great time for planting trees. The weather is cooler, and the sun not so strong. With good watering and care, there is plenty of time for good root growth before the cold of the winter.

For more information on this program, please call (908) 350-7506 or visit <http://www.bernards.org/>

Bernards Township and the Shade Tree Commission desires to maintain and promote a healthy, safe and sustainable shade tree resource that will physically and aesthetically benefit the community and its residents in the most cost effective manner possible.

Back to Nature Home & Garden is a premier retail destination for plants, unique gifts, and ecological solutions for you yard. Back to Nature designs and created customized outdoor spaces that are ecologically friendly, inspiring reciprocation between individuals and nature.