

# Township of Woodbridge

## Green Grounds & Maintenance Policy

### **Mission Statement**

The Township of Woodbridge is dedicated to the concept of utilizing the policies of Green Grounds and Maintenance as one of its best management practices.

### **Goals and Responsibilities**

To achieve environmentally sound and efficient results in the area of maintaining and designing municipal buildings and property.

### **Objectives**

The Township of Woodbridge's Department of Public Works and Parks hereby formally supports the following practices to achieve the results stated in its Mission Statement.

### **Integrated Pest Management**

- use only organic fertilizers and pesticides
- adhere to a frequent timely schedule for mowing and grounds maintenance
- adhere to a seeding and aeration program in the Spring and Fall
- provide timely collection of trash at municipal parks and buildings
- keep tree branches and shrubbery well maintained and away from buildings
- ensure roofs are repaired in a timely manner as to not attract insects to deteriorating wood

### **Minimize Water Consumption**

- encourage collection and use of rainwater for non-potable water applications
- consider reusing stormwater or graywater for sewage conveyance or on-site wastewater treatment systems
- for interior building construction, encourage high-efficiency fixtures and dry fixtures such as reuse of toilet systems and using waterless urinals to reduce wastewater volumes
- promote options for on-site wastewater treatment such as packaged biological nutrient removal systems, constructed wetlands and high efficiency filtration systems
- encourage "rainscaping" design to minimize surface runoff
- encourage "xeriscaping" to incorporate native and low maintenance plantings
- maintain natural aquifer conditions
- promote consideration of water issues during planning
- implement a citizen education campaign highlighting importance of water issues, using mass media, area schools, and include partnerships with groups like the Environmental Commission and Woodbridge River Watch.

### **Efficient Landscape Design**

- minimize the use of water and pesticides
- encourage “rainscaping” design to minimize surface runoff
- encourage “xeriscaping” to incorporate native and low maintenance plantings
- ensure all municipal grounds are aesthetically pleasing
- ensure municipal parks make efficient use of all available space
- educate residents of the benefits and encourage the concept of Efficient Landscape and Design to be utilized by private citizens \

### **Recycled Materials and Composting**

- re-use composted and collected recycled material for municipal landscaping applications
- encourage resident recycling of “green” materials such as grass clippings and “brown” materials such as tree leaves

### **Action Plan**

Woodbridge Township is dedicated to its Green Grounds and Maintenance Policy. The Department of Public Works and Parks shall oversee that the policy is carried out and will promote the practices and goals set therein.