

Cherry Hill  
IPM Resolution  
Passed on  
March 12, 2009

RESOLUTION-2009-3-16

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT AS  
A POLICY AND STRATEGY TO BE EMPLOYED IN THE MAINTENANCE OF  
THE TOWNSHIP'S PUBLIC PROPERTIES AND FACILITIES**

**WHEREAS**, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the American Cancer Society, scientific studies associate exposure to pesticides with asthma, cancer, developmental and learning disabilities, nerve and immune system damage, liver or kidney damage, reproductive impairment, birth defects and disruption of the endocrine system; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the National Academy of Sciences and the National Cancer Institute, infants, children, pregnant women, the elderly and people with compromised immune systems and chemical sensitivities are especially vulnerable to pesticide effects and exposure; and

**WHEREAS**, according to the EPA, lawn pesticides are harmful to pets, wildlife, soil microbiology, plants, and natural ecosystems, and can run off into streams, lakes and drinking water sources; and

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

**WHEREAS**, Integrated Pest Management has been investigated and considered by the Cherry Hill Environmental Advisory Committee (CHEAC) and is recommended by CHEAC as a desirable and appropriate policy in order to reduce or eliminate the use of pesticides; and


**WHEREAS**, the adoption of a Green Action Plan in March 2008 authorizes the Township to take a proactive role in improving environmental quality of life at the municipal level by implementing far-reaching green initiatives that will make Cherry Hill a more sustainable, healthy and green community; and

**WHEREAS**, adopting the Integrated Pest Management system furthers the Township's goal of greening its practices while encouraging residents and other municipalities to do the same.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Township Council of the Township of Cherry Hill, County of Camden, State of New Jersey, that the Township of Cherry Hill does hereby adopt Integrated Pest Management as the pest control policy and strategy to be employed in the maintenance of the Township's public properties and facilities. The Township will designate public properties, such as community parks, as "Pesticide-Free Zones." These areas will be posted with a sign indicating that conventional chemical pesticides have not been applied at this site. The Township will promote pesticide-free zones in order to improve the environmental quality of life in our community, educate residents, and reduce the hazards associated with traditional pesticides.

**ADOPTED: MARCH 23, 2009**

ATTEST:

  
NANCY L. CAFFOS, RMC  
TOWNSHIP CLERK

  
COUNCIL PRESIDENT