



SUMMARY OF TOWN POLICY:

APPLICATION OF FERTILIZER
AND PESTICIDE ON TOWN
LAND

PURPOSE OF POLICY

- To reduce any contributions by the town of nitrogen and pesticide into the natural environment.
- To set a positive example for the community by demonstrating that town lands can be maintained with minimal use of fertilizer and pesticide.

- *Note: It is the town's long standing practice not to use fertilizer on town land and to use natural pesticides, and only as required.*



HOW DOES THE POLICY APPLY?



- Policy applies to employees, vendors and volunteers.
- Applies to all town land requiring management such as athletic fields, grounds of town buildings, memorial squares and planted intersections, Windmill Green, cemeteries.

WHAT LAND MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE POLICY?

1. Compost – Only leaf based used.
2. Top soil – Minimum 6 inches
3. Grass types – Minimal water, mowing, fertilizing – hardy, drought resistant.
4. Practices – Hand weeding, annual aeration, over-seeding, no less than 3” ht, clippings left to mulch.



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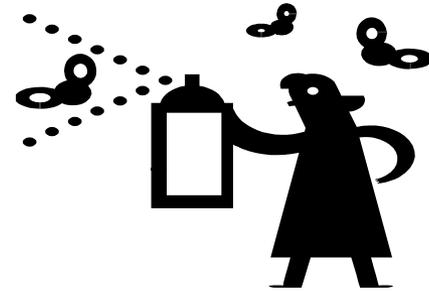
6. Watering – Only as necessary.

7. If fertilizer is used:

- Soil testing is required every 2 years – fertilizer adjusted. Application only if needed.
- No: bio-solids, synthetic products.
- Standards set for organic fertilizer use – type, time of year, application relative to water bodies.



PESTICIDE USE



- Definition: Substances that prevent or destroy pests or that defoliate or regulate plants.
- Used only as determined necessary by and under direction of the DPW Superintendent.
- Only minimal risk products allowed. EPA Class I and II products are permanently prohibited.