

## TOXICS USE REDUCTION POLICY

WHEREAS, the Town of \_\_\_\_\_ (“Town”) recognizes the human and environmental health hazards associated with the storage, use, and disposal of toxic products; and

WHEREAS, the Town wishes to provide a safe and healthy workplace to its employees; and  
WHEREAS, the Town wishes to prevent environmental pollution from misused or improperly disposed toxic products;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN adopt the following Toxics Use Reduction Policy:

To the maximum extent practical and consistent with the demands of cost effectiveness the Town shall incorporate toxics use reduction in daily operations at all town facilities by adhering to the following standards and practices:

a) In general, employees will evaluate alternative practices which would eliminate or reduce the use of toxic products.

b) For all purchases, employees will consider non-toxic and/or less-toxic products which will reduce employee exposure and which will not result in a hazardous waste.

b) In the selection of paints, coatings, adhesives, solvents, cleaners, lubricants, and other fluids, preference will be given to those products with the following characteristics: water-based; water-soluble; water clean-up; non-flammable; biodegradable; low volatile organic compound (VOC) content; manufactured without compounds which contribute to ozone depletion or smog; do not contain methylene chloride, do not contain chlorinated hydrocarbons; do not generate hazardous waste.

c) Preference will be given to Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques over conventional broad-based pesticides.

d) The Town shall adjust bid guidelines and contracts, as necessary, to specify the use of non-toxic or less-toxic products by contractors and consultants in fulfilling contractual obligations. Said products must be competitively priced and of comparable quality, performance, and availability.

RESOLVED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 199 , by the Town  
Board of Selectmen:

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