

R-20-083**TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR****RESOLUTION URGING A HALT TO THE USE OF LEAF BLOWERS IN THE TOWNSHIP DURING THE COVID-19 HEALTH CRISIS**

May 5, 2020

WHEREAS, during the current State of Emergency and Public Health Emergency brought on by the COVID-19 health crisis, school-age children are remaining at home, and numerous adults are also either working remotely at home or are out of work and at home, in addition to those who are regularly at home during the day; and

WHEREAS, the use of gas leaf blowers and other loud equipment is disturbing and interferes with residents' ability to work, teach or learn at home; and

WHEREAS, the use of leaf blowers and other equipment that stirs dust and leaves creates particulate matter pollution, which has been found to have an adverse health impact; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, the Township Council of the Township of Montclair hereby urges landscapers and residents to limit as much as possible the use of leaf blowers and other loud machines that generate particulate matter pollution during the current emergency consistent with safe practice and the restrictions imposed by the crisis, including the wearing of face masks; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Township disseminate this message to landscapers working in the Township and any others using this machinery as broadly as possible.