

**BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG
RESOLUTION: R9**


WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung strives to save tax dollars, assure clean air and water, improve working and living environments to build a community that is sustainable economically, environmentally and socially; and

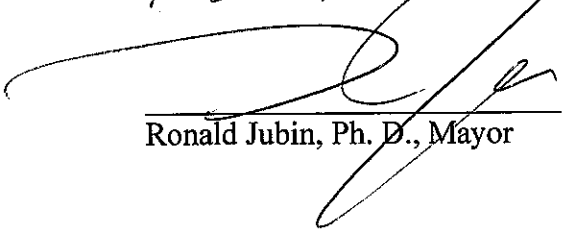
WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council wishes to implement green community initiatives that are easy to replicate and affordable to implement which will benefit our residents now and in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung seeks to improve energy efficiency, reduce health hazards, increase the purchase of recycled paper and recyclable products through the purchase of environmentally preferred products where possible and in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Watchung establishes the following general guidelines when purchasing:

- 1) Aim to use products that have the least negative impact on the environment as possible, both when they are manufactured and when they are used. The entire process from production to consumption to final destruction or disposal must be taken into consideration.
- 2) Aim to use products that are not harmful or toxic to consumers, users, to the environment, or to working environments.
- 3) Aim to use products that are biologically degradable or that can be reused.
- 4) Aim to use products that do not unnecessarily consume energy and natural resources either when they are manufactured, packaged, shipped, or when they are used.
- 5) The Purchasing Agent shall use established best practices to ensure vendor compliance with sustainability guidelines through the contracting process and certification programs.
- 6) The Purchasing Agent is authorized to exempt product categories from this policy in cases when all products contain recycled content, or when health and safety may be jeopardized, or when multiple complex components or the nature of the product make certification of recycled content impracticable.


Christine Ead, Council President


Ronald Jubin, Ph. D., Mayor

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