



**Township Council**  
1 Municipal Plaza  
Bloomfield, NJ 07003

**Louise M. Palagano**  
*Municipal Clerk*

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Meeting: 10/05/15 07:00 PM

## 2015 RESOLUTION POLICY

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### DECLARATION OF WATER EMERGENCY

**WHEREAS**, The Township of Bloomfield has adopted measures within Chapter 556, Water for the purpose of Water Conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 556-33.2A of the Ordinance states that a water emergency may be declared upon action by resolution of the governing body whenever the Township Engineer, or in his absence, the Township Administrator, in his or her professional judgment, finds that emergency conditions exist within the Township; and

**WHEREAS**, the Township Engineer, or in his absence, the Township Administrator shall recommend to the Bloomfield Township Council that a water emergency be declared based upon one or more of the factors enumerated in 556-33.2A(1) of the Ordinance; and

**WHEREAS**, designation by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (N.J.D.E.P.) of a drought watch or drought warning is a factor in declaring a water emergency; and

**WHEREAS**, the N.J.D.E.P. has declared a drought watch, effective September 23, 2015, for the Northeast Region of New Jersey which includes the Township of Bloomfield; and

**WHEREAS**, the N.J.D.E.P. indicated that the Northeast Region remain under a drought watch until further notice and that residents of this region voluntarily conserve water; and

**WHEREAS**, based upon these findings, the Township Engineer recommends a declaration of a water emergency and that the Mayor and Council adopt the following restrictions to water use:

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND PROCEDURE  
ON BASIS OF FACTS SET FORTH

  
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DIRECTOR OF LAW-TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY

1. The watering of lawns is hereby prohibited until further notice with the exception of newly installed sod or landscaping.
2. Hand washing of vehicles is hereby prohibited with the exception of certain municipal vehicles such as DPW vehicles used for utility work and debris pick-up.
3. Washing down of paved areas such as driveways and sidewalk is hereby prohibited. However use of water on construction sites to control dust will be permitted.
4. The township will continue its fall hydrant flushing program because this is an essential operational procedure in order to maintain water quality and compliance with state and federal drinking water standards; and

**WHEREAS**, this resolution and the above restrictions shall remain in effect until one of the following factors occur:

1. The Drought Watch is rescinded by the N.J.D.E.P.
2. A Drought Warning or Emergency is declared by the N.J.D.E.P.
3. The Township Engineer recommends that the township's drought declaration be rescinded or modified through adoption of a subsequent resolution.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield, County of Essex, State of New Jersey that a declaration of emergency is hereby declared and shall remain in effect until one of the above factors enumerated above occurs.

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I hereby certify that the above resolution was duly adopted by the Mayor and Council of the Township of Bloomfield at a meeting of said Township Council held on October 05, 2015.

  
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 Municipal Clerk of the Township of Bloomfield

  
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 Mayor of the Township of Bloomfield

✓ Vote Record – Resolution						
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