

**TOWNSHIP OF CRANFORD
CRANFORD, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-334

RAKE FOR THE PLANET RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, most gasoline-powered leaf blower engines have only primitive noise abatement features that may create noise levels in excess of one hundred (100) decibels; and

WHEREAS, pollutants from such engines include hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, and carbon dioxide; and

WHEREAS, pollutants contribute to health problems, to the creation of ground level ozone, to the formation of acid rain, and to increased levels of greenhouse gas; and

WHEREAS, blower driven materials may include toxic or hazardous materials, which may place walkers, cyclists, children, and people with respiratory ailments at special risk; and

WHEREAS, using human powered rakes to remove leaves from yards is seen to have no negative impact on the environment and helps to promote a peaceful and quiet environment; and

WHEREAS, the exercise provided by such activity generally contributes to improved health; and

WHEREAS, sharing leaf raking responsibilities within families is intended to demonstrate the positive characteristics of working around the home and the benefits of families spending time together; and

WHEREAS, neighborhoods will appreciate the tranquility;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Cranford designates Saturday, October 29, 2011 in collection zones 2 and 3 as Rake Day; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Saturday, November 5, 2011 be designated as Rake Day in collection zones 1 and 4; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that residents are encouraged to voluntarily forgo the use of powered leaf blowers and rake leaves during the designated days.

Certified to be a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of Cranford at a meeting held October 11, 2011.

Tara Rowley, RMC
Township Clerk

Dated: