

DON'T BLOW IT!



KNOW THE LAW

Refer to village code Section 148-4 Unnecessary Noises (B-10) for full details.

Gas-powered leaf blowers subject to the following restrictions:



**MARCH 15 - JUNE 1 (SPRING CLEANUP)
SEPTEMBER 15 - DECEMBER 15 (FALL CLEANUP)**

Permitted Times of Operation:

Mon-Fri: 8 am to 5 pm Sat, Sun, holidays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- No more than a total of two handheld or backpack leaf blowers at a time, unless property is greater than one-half acre.
- No walk-behind leaf blowers are permitted, unless property is greater than one-half acre.

JUNE 2 - SEPTEMBER 14 and DECEMBER 16 - MARCH 14

No gas-powered leaf blowers permitted, except:

On one- or two-family properties:

- The property owner may use one gas-powered leaf blower once a week for no more than 30 minutes and only during the following time periods:

Mon-Fri: 8 am to 5 pm Sat, Sun, holidays: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

On multifamily, cluster residential developments, and attached one-family dwelling developments:

- Gas-powered leaf blowers may be used between 9 a.m. and Noon Mon-Fri and not at all on Sat, Sun and holidays.

YEAR ROUND

Gas-powered leaf blowers permitted:

- When responding to an emergency or removing snow.
- Golf and tennis clubs and municipal employees performing their regular duties, but not within 100 feet of the nearest residence.

NOTE

All blowers must meet EPA exhaust standards and be operated and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions.

Handheld or backpack leaf blowers must operate at a noise level of 70 dBA or less.

Electric or battery-operated leaf blowers permitted with no limitations.

HOMEOWNERS & LANDSCAPERS

**Penalties for violation: \$100 first offense,
\$250 subsequent offenses.**

BE COURTEOUS



Follow these simple guidelines when using leaf blowers:



Minimize noise: always run blower at the lowest throttle speed and for the minimum time needed for each task.



Protect soil health: reduce throttle to a minimum when cleaning landscape beds. It's better for the soil and plants to use a rake or clean up by hand.



Protect air quality: on pavement, reduce throttle to reduce airborne dust. Do your final cleanup with a hose or broom whenever possible.



Reduce emissions: if your leaf blower is going to idle for more than a minute, shut engine off until machine is needed.



Always be careful: stay alert when near people or pets. Avoid pointing the blower nozzle directly towards anyone. Stop whenever someone approaches.



Respect the community: avoid blowing debris into neighbor's yards, into the street, or towards doorways and windows.



Work smart: using leaf blowers to move piles of debris, leaves, or grass from one spot to another is often much less efficient.



Think twice: why automatically reach for your leaf blower to clean up lawns & walkways? Sweep or rake where possible.



Your safety matters: wear ear & eye protection and a face mask when blowing.



Get charged up! Adopt battery electric blowers soon - some gas powered leaf blower exceptions phase out Dec 31, 2018.



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