





GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS: KNOW THE RISKS

 **Exceed** noise levels of 100 db that penetrate walls, windows, and property lines. Cause irreversible hearing loss and are deemed unsafe by major health organizations. Disrupt residents' ability to enjoy their own homes

 **Emit** more greenhouse gases in 30 minutes than a pickup truck driving 3900 miles, and produce smog and ozone pollution

 **Discharge** toxic raw exhaust and blow carcinogenic particulates into the air that linger for hours and are inhaled by landscape workers, children and residents

 **Destroy** the natural layer of leaf litter that protects and nourishes plants and wildlife, including hibernating pollinators

States and towns nationwide are transitioning from gas leaf blowers to electric for health and environmental reasons. 23 Westchester towns, over 200 municipalities nationwide, and the state of California have imposed restrictions on gas leaf blowers. **Let's not get left behind!**

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WHAT YOU CAN DO:



Ask your gardener to mulch mow leaves by running a mower over them and leave them in place to fertilize your topsoil



Use excess mulched leaves to start a compost pile, mulch garden beds and shrubs, or rake them into the woods



If you must blow, ask your landscaper to **switch** to electric leaf blowers and limit them to hard-scapes. Electric leaf blowers are cleaner, quieter, and offer an efficient alternative to gas leaf blowers



Contact your local elected representatives and ask for restrictions on gas powered leaf blowers



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