

QUIET CLEAN WEST ORANGE

With residents spending more time at home, there is one thing we can all agree on: **IT'S NOISY HERE** every day of the week, spring, summer and fall, we hear roaring, stinking, polluting gas powered leaf blowers. Now we are learning that gas powered blowers are **more** damaging to our health and our environment than cars.

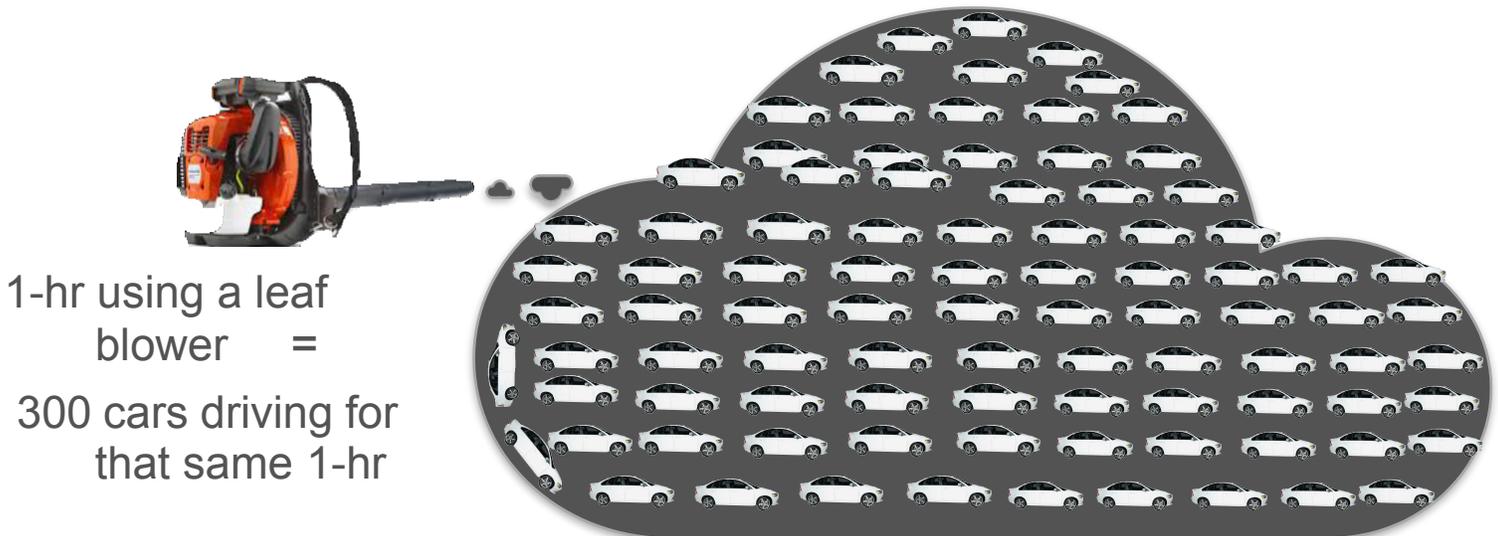


THEY ARE LOUD: The World Health Organization states noise created by gas-powered leaf blowers ranges from **102 - 115 decibels**. The EPA & National Institute for Occupational Safety & Health states that noise levels above **85 decibels** are harmful.

THEY POLLUTE: Gas blowers emit *significant* amounts of ozone-forming chemicals, fine particulate matter, carbon monoxide and other air pollutants.



Gas leaf blowers use 2-stroke engines. These engines release **300 times** the levels of hydrocarbons as vehicles on the road.



THEY ARE A PUBLIC HEALTH HAZARD: Gas blowers emit ultra fine toxic particles that are inhaled through the lungs and contribute to asthma, strokes, heart attacks, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and cancer. They particularly risk the health of landscape workers who feel the effects of toxic compounds found in benzene, 1,3-butadiene, acetaldehyde & formaldehyde.

THEY DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACT PEOPLE OF COLOR: Ending gas-powered leaf blowers in West Orange helps our township become more equitable! (Learn more about [Environmental racism here.](#))

* IT'S TIME TO TAKE BOLD ACTION *

Nearly 140 communities around the country have imposed bans and restrictions on gas powered leaf blowers. It is time for West Orange to join the [Quiet Communities](#) movement!



YOU CAN HELP

SWITCH to **ELECTRIC** blowers or vacuums

SWITCH to **ELECTRIC** mulching mowers

SWITCH to **ELECTRIC** leaf sweepers

USE safer methods to maintain your lawn

SPEAK to neighbors, [CONTACT](#) elected officials

SIGN our petition [HERE](#)



Together we can create a healthier, safer West Orange!

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