Let’s Ban Them All Over

1) Gas-engines that power garden equipment don’t have catalytic converters to remove harmful pollution. Ten years ago the auto site Edmunds wrote "The hydrocarbon emissions from a half-hour of yard work with the two-stroke leaf blower are about the same as a 3,900-mile drive from Texas to Alaska in a Ford-150 Raptor."

2) Besides gases like benzene carbon monoxide the engines release a lot of ultra-fine particles that are dangerous to the lungs of landscape workers.

3) They help produce climate change. The EPA says 4% of the carbon dioxide sent into the air each year in the US comes from small gas engines. That doesn’t sound like much, but since we’re in a battle to limit climate collapse every bit counts.

4) The noise is irritating and the smell of the exhausts can be very unpleasant.

Let’s bring it up with the CT legislature in the next session.

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