

A message to the City Council

Why Ban Leaf Blowers?

- 1.) The Cambridge Green Initiative, our commitment to our citizens and the environment
- 2.) Interruption of pedestrian life
- 3.) Wasted fossil fuels
- 4.) Engine exhaust pollutants
- 5.) Suspended particulates, lead bearing dust
- 6.) Wasted water: plant dehydration from cycle of over-fertilize, over-mow, over-water, over-blow> blasted plants dry out, natural mulch dissipates
- 7.) Stress responses: raised blood pressure, heart rate, catecholamines
- 8.) Exploitation of workers: hearing loss, breathing pollutants
- 9.) Asthma, allergies
- 10.) Filth blown into homes
- 11.) Noise: Altered attention/concentration, elevated cognitive load
- 12.) Noise: Depleted worker/student safety/efficiency/creativity
- 13.) Noise: Interrupted communication
- 14.) Sandblasted surfaces: your car paint job
- 15.) State public health nuisance laws
- 16.) What happened to the butterflies?
- 17.) Safe, quiet, environmentally enhancing alternatives are EASILY available

Bottom line: Leaf-blowers are bad for neighbors, students, workers, plants, air and water. Cambridge is setting a national example of concern for the environment. The only responsible action is to ban leaf-blowers.