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Gas powered leaf blowers are major contributors to both noise pollution and to emissions pollution. They are unhealthy for the operators in terms of both the noise and exposure to emissions - Further, operators use them at all times of the year, not just in the fall to remove leaf fall. This creates a year-round noise issue in our neighborhoods and cities. With the advent of electric replacements that can operate at power levels comparable to gas blowers, there is no reason other than cost of replacement to continue to tolerate their use.

Gas blowers should be banned by law in a time frame which allows operators to replace their gas units. Multnomah County has banned them. Until such time as that law can pass, this legislation is a start.

I urge the legislature to address this issue, both in the short term and the long term. Thank you.