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Greetings,

These leaf blower are annoyingly loud (hitting decibels in excess of 85) and pollute fine particulates and toxic fumes. Study after study shows how menacing these ubiquitous "go-to" machines are. It wasn't long ago, we used the simple and most effective tool of all...the humble rake...which by the way, is best practice for the lawn and nature settings, not to mention a great way to get an upper body workout. But that would be asking too much for commonsensical change and our best hope would be a compromise for electric blowers to replace the two cycle blowers. I'll take it any day! Thank you for working toward making a positive change. It has gotten to the point where we can't enjoy our backyards in peace without hearing the gyrating, heart buzzing sounds of two cycle blowers from lawn crews EVERYWHERE now! The city of Hillsboro's park and rec crews are out there in force with these crews blowing areas whether they need it or not. My neighbor is up on his roof once a month, well, blowing his roof and gutters I guess. It is out of hand and at least the electric option will help with the fumes and particulate matter "blowing in the wind". Thank you!