





Are you ready to take back summer?

Let's ban gas-powered leaf blowers in Oakville!

Have you had enough of being driven back inside your house on a summer day due to gas-powered leaf blowers, only to find that the noise penetrates through the walls and windows of your house? **Hundreds of towns and cities across North America have banned the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.** We believe that Oakville should ban their use and live up to its moniker: "Liveable Oakville."



Contamination from running a gas-powered leaf blower **for just one hour** matches emissions from driving a car for almost 1,800 kilometers.

Gas-powered lawn equipment produces **more ozone pollution** in California than the state's 14.4 million cars.

Gas-powered leaf blowers have outdated two-stroke engines. Inefficient combustion in these engines results in up to one-third of the fuel being spewed out as a toxic aerosol that includes **carcinogenic hydrocarbons, carbon monoxide, and smog-forming nitrous oxides.**

Exposure to loud noise from gas-powered leaf blowers—often in excess of 90 decibels—**can cause hearing damage after two hours.**

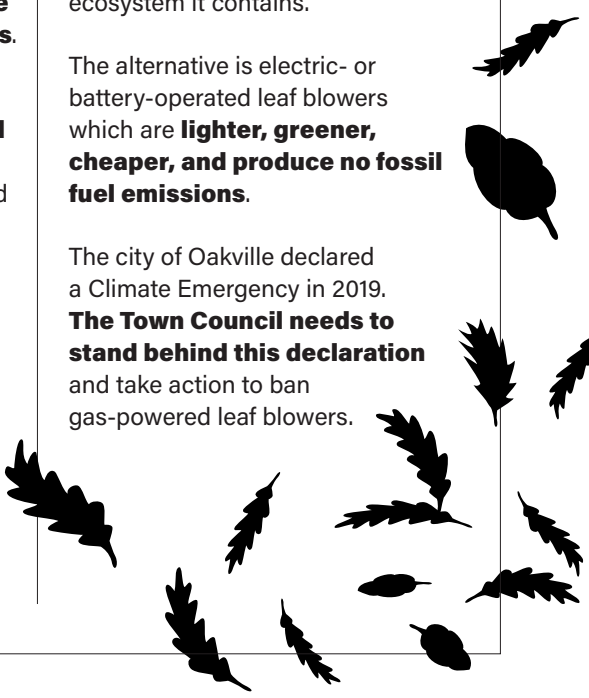
The noise from gas-powered leaf blowers **disturbs the peace and disrupts outdoor activities in our neighbourhoods.** The sound also penetrates the walls of our homes, creating stress, disturbing sleep, and interfering with communication and work concentration.

Pollutants from gas-powered leaf blowers can **increase blood pressure and cause headaches, asthma, allergies, lung disease, cardiovascular effects, and cancer.**

Gas-powered leaf blowers **blast away the topsoil** and the rich ecosystem it contains.

The alternative is electric- or battery-operated leaf blowers which are **lighter, greener, cheaper, and produce no fossil fuel emissions.**

The city of Oakville declared a Climate Emergency in 2019. **The Town Council needs to stand behind this declaration** and take action to ban gas-powered leaf blowers.



Let's care for our health and the health of the planet by starting in our own yards. We can do it—**neighbour by neighbour, yard by yard!**

Sign the petition now www.bit.ly/ban-oakville-leaf-blowers

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