

I am opposed to extending the time for Landscapers to use battery powered leaf blowers and allowing them to continue using noisy polluting gas powered equipment for the following reasons:

- Some landscapers I know have already invested in new equipment to comply with the ordinance. Instead the county would be rewarding non-compliance.
- I don't see how the county will enforce the seasonal limits and there would no longer be a reason for landscapers to comply or invest in compliant equipment. It would also be confusing to homeowners.
- Landscapers will adapt their methods to keep their services attractive and affordable. Moving smaller piles of leaves so that the batteries will last longer or using rakes and tarps, for example.
- I would like Montgomery County to use the same excuse of uncertain economic times to delay any tax and fee increases for three years.