

July 1, 2025

To the members of the Montgomery County Council:

I am writing to you about a proposed exemption for lawncare companies who seek permission to continue using gas-powered blowers. The lawncare companies are seeking an exemption from the ban on gas-powered blowers, which went into effect today, July 1.

I urge you NOT to vote to allow the lawncare companies to obtain an exemption from the ban. Gas-powered blowers are a nuisance, generating high noise volumes that are an irritant to me, my family and my pets. Unfortunately, my next door neighbor hires a lawncare company that employs two workers who simultaneously use gas-powered blowers for up to an hour while working on their property. The noise is deafening! I often leave home when they arrive. When I return, I encounter the stench and fumes from the blowers.

Gas-powered blowers are known to harm human health. They generate fumes that contribute to pollution and greenhouse gases. Many municipalities have banned them. Let's join the growing numbers of citizens who have wisely voted to ban the blowers.

Furthermore, allowing lawncare businesses an exemption will simply allow them to continue polluting, harming human health and causing irritating noise. Voting for an exemption now would be unfair to the many lawncare companies that have already invested in electric blowers.

Please, I respectfully urge you NOT to approve an exemption to the ban for lawncare companies. My family and many of my neighbors join me in opposing the exemption.

Thank you,
Nancy Traver