

Keep Gas Powered Leaf Blowers Out of Montgomery County-Period

I write on behalf of maintaining the integrity of this ban on gas leaf blowers and NOT allowing an exception.

I frequently post and comment on a neighborhood forum called Next Door. The consensus is clear. Citizens of Montgomery County do not want to be plagued by incredibly noisy and polluting gas-powered leaf blowers, whether in May or November.

The reason the law was passed in the first place was the recognition that the largely trivial benefit was not worth the noise and pollution which degrades our quality of life.

And now an exemption is letting the camel's nose in the tent, with repeal probably not far behind. That would be a major failure of leadership.

This is a moment, an opportunity to look differently at our yards as sustainable mini-ecosystems, not just sprawling green/brown monocultures.

It is critical that we enforce it to the fullest. I recommend a hotline to or email to report violators so they can be fined.

On the politics of this, I'll just say that I don't know if there's a better alternative than the supporters of this ill-advised exemption, but I'll be looking for them.

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