

Dear County Council,

I am writing to oppose **Expedited Bill 19-25** on a seasonal exception for gas powered leaf blowers. The transition to battery powered blowers has been broadly advertised for well over a year, and the noise burden and detrimental environmental and respiratory health effects of gas powered blowers are significant and should not be dismissed.

While the economy is challenging right now, there will never be a “perfect” moment for most landscaping companies to make this switch. If they have to pass their additional costs onto their customers, that’s economics as well, and a reasonable consequence for those in our community who can regularly afford landscaping companies to blow their leaves. Rakes work.

Sincerely,

Andrew Schneider