The Leaf Blower By-Law applies to property owners and managers, residents, businesses and hired landscapers. Hired landscapers must be permitted annually by the Town.

Please read carefully as to how the Leaf Blower By-Law and regulations affect you and how violations will be enforced.

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**LIVABLE NEIGHBORHOODS**

Town Meeting passed the Leaf Blower Bylaw in order to reduce emissions and noise created from leaf blower use. The bylaw regulates when gas-powered leaf blowers may be used and the maximum decibel level allowed. The goal is to eliminate the use of gas-powered leaf blowers outside of heavy leaf litter collection periods. The regulations are intended to support livable neighborhoods through greater compliance and improved enforcement.

**LEAF BLOWER USE**

Article 8.31 Town By-Law holds that:

Property owners/managers are **CO-RESPONSIBLE** for compliance with the By-law. Both are subject to penalties following any violation.

Property owners/managers are not only responsible for the compliant operation of leaf blowers on the property they control, but also on contiguous sidewalks and streets.

On land parcels of 7,500 sq. ft. or less in size, a maximum of two leaf blowers may be used simultaneously

**SEASONAL BAN FOR GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS***

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*Electric leaf blowers are allowed year round during the permitted hours

**ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES**

The DPW is responsible for complaint handling and monitoring, as well as enforcement coordination with the police.

**Leaf blower violations should be reported to:**

Department of Public Works  
Mon. – Fri. 7am-3pm  
617-879-4900

**After business hours:**  
Brookline Police Department  
617-730-2222

The DPW will contact and inform property owners/managers if a violation has been reported to have taken place on their property, as well as any hired landscaper involved. When applicable, violations will be issued to both the property owner, as well as the hired landscaper involved.

Violations are subject to the following penalties in each calendar year:

- **First Offense:** Written warning
- **Second Offense:** $50
- **Third Offense:** $100
- **Each Subsequent Offense:** $150

**WHAT HAS NOT CHANGED?**

**Leaf Blower Machine Noise Level:**

The Town By-Laws require that any portable leaf blower used in the town have a manufacturer’s sticker or a DPW sticker certifying a noise level of no more than 67 dBA when measured at a distance of fifty feet, utilizing American National Standard Institute methodology.

Leaf blowers needing a sticker can be tested at the Municipal Service Center, by appointment on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the following months: October, November, December, March, April and May.

**Town Exemption:**

The Department of Public Works is exempt from the Article 8.31 By-Law.

For further details on leaf blowers visit [www.brooklinema.gov/dpw](http://www.brooklinema.gov/dpw)