

BATTERY-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS

THE PROBLEM

Gas Powered Leaf Blowers (GLBs) are highly inefficient, and emit carcinogens, greenhouse gasses, and noxious chemicals.

CURRENT POLICY

Currently, there is no statewide solution to the issue. Over 200 municipalities nationwide have passed laws banning or restricting GPLBs, with Norwalk, Westport, and Greenwich among them.



LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS

- State agencies shall be required to purchase battery-operated alternatives when replacing existing gas-powered leaf blowers.
- Contractors performing work for the state shall receive bid preference when utilizing battery-operated landscaping equipment.
- The Connecticut Green Bank shall establish a loan program to support commercial landscaping companies in transitioning from gas-powered to battery-operated equipment.
- The state shall implement a multi-year phase-in process to reduce and ultimately eliminate the use of gas-powered leaf blowers by state agencies, with a structured timeline for broader statewide adoption. The policy will include, at a future date, prohibitions on the sale and use of specified gas-powered landscaping equipment.



Battery-powered blowers are equivalent to gas blowers in terms of power and consumer satisfaction.



Battery-powered blowers have a significantly lower carbon footprint.



Gas powered leaf blowers emit a number of harmful pollutants, both to the environment and humans.

MORE INFORMATION

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