

THE PROBLEM

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

CURRENT POLICY STATUS

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 SOLUTIONS

This **proposed** legislative solution addresses each barrier to change in a phased-in approach.

- Beginning January 1, 2026, all State Agencies are prohibited from purchasing or leasing gas-powered hand-held or backpack leaf blowers.
- Beginning January 1, 2027, the use of gas-powered hand-held or backpack leaf blowers will be prohibited on State owned or leased properties.
- Beginning January 1, 2027, the use of gas-powered hand-held or backpack leaf blowers will be prohibited on any municipal property, including any municipally owned or leased schools, hospitals, parks, golf courses, nursing homes, or libraries.
- Beginning January 1, 2028, the use of gas-powered hand-held or backpack leaf blowers will be prohibited in Connecticut from May 15th to October 15th;
- Beginning January 1, 2029, the use of gas-powered hand-held, or backpack leaf blowers will be prohibited in Connecticut year-round.



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



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