

GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWER ORDINANCE

A. **PURPOSE AND INTENT:** The Borough of Glen Ridge hereby finds that the unlimited use and operation of Leaf Blowers impairs the environmental, social welfare, health, peace and quality of life of persons residing in Glen Ridge. The Borough of Glen Ridge wishes to strengthen its commitment to public health and wellness and environmental sustainability. The purpose of this Ordinance is to minimize the adverse impact of Leaf Blowers by restricting their use within the Borough.

B. **DEFINITIONS:**

- (1) **“Debris”** means grass clippings, leaves, sticks, tree branches, dust, dirt, and similar droppings and/or waste as encountered in yard and lawn maintenance.
- (2) **“Electric-Powered Leaf Blower”** means a piece of equipment that (a) is intended to blow a volume of air and (b) is used primarily for but not exclusively to move or blow Debris and (c) is powered solely by an electric motor, whether using a battery or a cord and used primarily for but not exclusively to move or blow Debris.
- (3) **“Gas-Powered Leaf Blower”** means a piece of equipment that (a) is intended to blow a volume of air and (b) is used primarily for but not exclusively to move or blow Debris and (c) is powered by a two-stroke or four-stroke engine using gasoline or mixture of gasoline and oil blend as fuel.
- (4) **“Leaf Blower”** means any Electric-Powered Leaf Blower, Gas-Powered Leaf Blower and/or Turbo Blower.
- (5) **“Turbo Blower”** means a piece of equipment (including a “Buffalo Blower”) that (a) is intended to blow a large volume of air and (b) is used primarily for but not exclusively to move or blow Debris and (c) is connected to a small tractor, golf cart or other vehicle.

C. **LIMITATION ON ELECTRIC-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS:**

- (1) The use and operation of Electric-Powered Leaf Blowers are permitted in each calendar year during the period from March 1 to December 15, inclusive. They are otherwise not permitted.
- (2) During the period allowed by C(1) above, Electric-Powered Leaf Blowers may be used and operated only as follows:
 - (a) Mondays through and including Fridays between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except that the owner, landlord, tenant and/or occupant of any premises

located in Glen Ridge and/or their non-paid agents or invitees may use or operate Electric-Powered Leaf Blowers between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

- (b) Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- (c) Sundays and legal holidays in the State of New Jersey between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

D. LIMITATION ON GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS:

(1) The use and operation of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers are permitted in each calendar year only during the period from April 1 to May 15, inclusive, and during the period from October 15 to December 15, inclusive. They are otherwise not permitted.

(2) During the periods allowed by D(1) above, Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers may be used and operated only as follows:

- (a) Mondays through and including Fridays between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., except that Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers may be used by an occupant or owner of the premises or the non-paid agents or invitees of such occupant or owner between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- (b) Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- (c) Sundays and legal holidays in the State of New Jersey between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

E. LIMITATION ON TURBO BLOWERS:

(1) The use and operation of Turbo Blowers are permitted in each calendar year only during the period from May 1 to September 30, inclusive. They are otherwise not permitted.

(2) During the period allowed by E(1) above, Turbo Blowers may be used and operated only as follows:

- (a) Mondays through and including Fridays between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
- (b) Saturdays between 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
- (c) Sundays and legal holidays in the State of New Jersey between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

F. APPLICATION OF CHEMICALS: In no event shall any Leaf Blower be used in the application of chemicals or products to treat bug or insect infestation.

G. MUFFLERS: It shall be a violation hereof to operate any Gas-Powered Leaf Blower

or Turbo Blower in the Borough of Glen Ridge without a properly functioning muffler.

H. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PROPERTY OWNERS, BUSINESS OPERATORS, LANDLORDS AND TENANTS: Property owners, business operators, landlords and tenants of a property shall each have all the duties and responsibilities prescribed in this Ordinance, and no property owner, business operator, landlord or tenant shall be relieved from such duties or responsibilities by reason of the fact that any other of them is also responsible therefor and in violation thereof.

I. POWERS OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR: In the event of a weather emergency or extreme or unusual weather or emergent circumstances as determined by the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator, the Borough Emergency Management Coordinator shall be permitted to modify the restrictions of this Ordinance.

J. VIOLATIONS AND PENALTIES:

(1) For any person's first violation of any provision of this Ordinance, such person shall be given a written warning of the violation.

(2) For any person's second violation and any subsequent violations, said violator shall be subject to a fine of up to \$500 for each violation.

K. EFFECTIVE DATE: This Ordinance shall take effect on XXXX, after final passage and publication and as provided by law.