

Are you tired of hearing the loud noise and smell of gasoline from gas leaf blowers? Did you know that operating a gas leaf blower for 30 minutes emits as many hydrocarbons as driving from Texas to Alaska and the noise from gas powered leaf blowers can reach up to 100 decibels at the operator's ear, which is the equivalent to a plane taking off?

(<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2022/jan/05/gas-leaf-blowers-banned-washington-dc>) The Environmental Advisory Council ("EAC") has been researching what other communities across the U.S. are doing to reduce the air and noise pollution as well as the health dangers to the operators and the impact to ecology. A couple members of the EAC met with Mike Green, Media Borough Director of Public Works, to discuss our findings. After our meeting, Mike purchased one electric leaf blower to test it out with his crew. Mike said, in part "It has plenty of power and duration for landscaping, a huge hit in this capacity. We're now discussing purchasing a battery-powered push mower and weed trimmers for next year." Public Works has taken the first step towards reducing reliance on gas powered equipment, can you?