

Environmental Advocacy Tools: Strategies for Effective Action

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The Ordinance

Gas leaf blower seasonal allowance:

4/1-5/15 (Spring) and
10/15-12/15 (Fall).

Passed 11/2024, enacted 1/2025.



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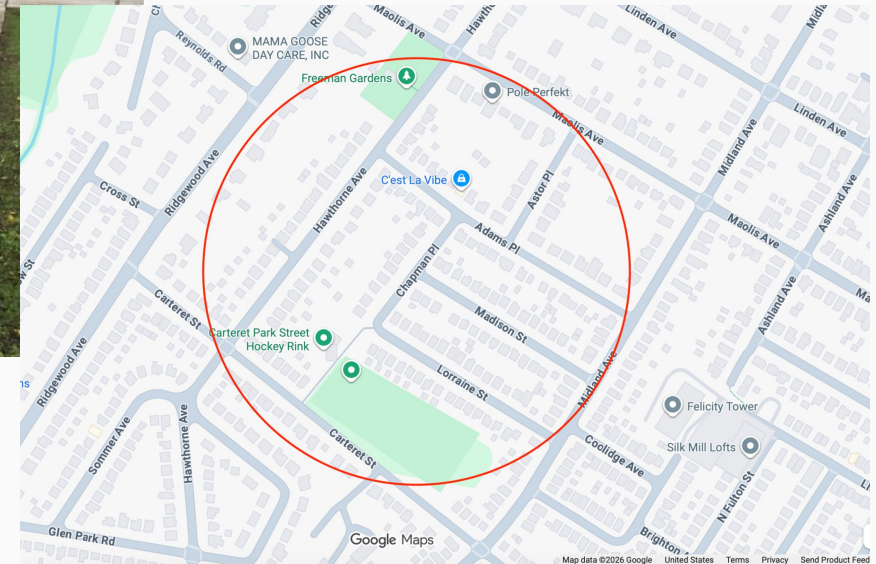
Why Gas Leaf Blowers?

Uniquely:

- loud
- dirty/polluting
- environmentally harmful



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Glen Ridge, Essex Co.

- Population: ~8,000
- Area: 1.28 square miles



Community Engagement

- Town Council members
- Petition – handwritten
- Social Media
- Meetings:
 - Borough administration
 - DPW



Next Steps

- Public information session
- Presentation of petition signatures
- Patience and persistence
- Ordinance public hearing



Spreading the word

Seasonal Gas Leaf Blower restriction
PASSED – now what?

Keep Glen Ridge
QUIET & CLEAN



**Gas-Powered
Leaf Blowers are
PROHIBITED**
**Dec. 16–Mar. 31
and
May 16–Oct. 14**

Air Pollution
Control District

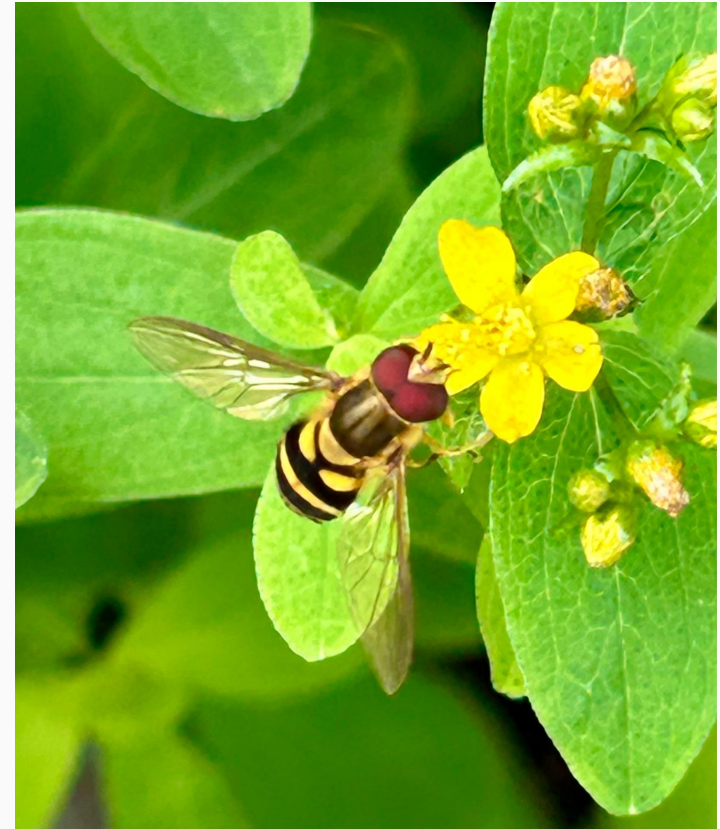
Please contact 973-748-5400,
the GRPD non-emergency line,
for enforcement and reporting.



For more information,
scan the QR code
to read the ordinance.

Lessons Learned

- Patience
- Knowledge
- Respectful discourse
- Get to know the decision makers
- Engaging all stakeholders
- Progress over perfection



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Thank you!

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