

Phasing out Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers in Rockcliffe Park!
Let's Improve our Quality of Life!



Residents of Rockcliffe Park have formed a working group called *The Campaign to Reduce the Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers in Rockcliffe Park* with the **goal of improving the health, wellbeing and overall quality of life in our community**. With this in mind, we are looking to find ways to help residents **minimise the deleterious health effects of air and noise pollution caused by the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in our village**. Many of us choose to live in Rockcliffe because of the park-like atmosphere and natural surroundings it has to offer. **Let's work together to reduce unnecessary noise and pollution by decreasing the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in our neighbourhood.**

In working with Healthy Neighbourhoods Ottawa, a local group advocating for the ban of gas-powered leaf blowers, we have developed a preliminary list of landscaping companies that offer yard maintenance services without the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.*

- Amano Garden Care www.amanogardens.com
- Clip 'n Dig (email) 55phillipdavies@gmail.com
- Echo Rock Landscaping www.echorock.ca
- Horticare Landscaping www.horticarelanscaping.ca
- The Polished Team www.polishedproperties.ca
- The Professional Gardener www.theprofessionalgardener.ca
- Wild Ridge Landscapes www.wildridge.ca

Many landscaping companies that mostly use gas-powered leaf blowers do have battery operated leaf blowers. You can negotiate a ***NO - Gas-Powered Leaf Blower*** contract with your landscaping company to:

- (1) use battery operated leaf blowers on your property
- (2) limit such leaf blowers to the spring and fall cleanups
- (3) ask for rakes to be used in tandem with electric blowers to avoid moving large piles of leaves across a yard or if they are not strong enough for spring clean-up
- (4) use brooms/rakes on driveways to limit blowing dust/pollen onto neighbours yards
- (5) specify how many hours and how many battery blowers you want used

Please visit <https://rockcliffepark.ca/environment-and-outdoor-spaces/> for more information about landscaping companies and upcoming events on this topic!

As residents, we can all play a role in making Rockcliffe Park a healthier and more pleasant place to live. Let's look forward to spring, summer and fall 2022 with fewer gas-powered leaf blowers in our neighbourhood!

*The RPRA does not endorse these companies but understands they offer yard maintenance services without the use of GPLBs.