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**Subject:** Issue for City Council

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To whom it may concern,

I am a lifelong resident of Hamilton, Ontario and currently live in Stoney Creek. I am writing to request a motion to ban leaf blowers in the city.

It is well documented that leaf blowers create an extraordinarily high level of air pollution, and it takes very little time to realize the level of noise pollution is unacceptable. Other municipalities, such as parts of Montreal, have instituted an outright ban on leaf blowers, and I firmly believe that Hamilton should follow suit. In addition to Montreal, the entire state of California has banned leaf blowers for their environmental effect, and I think if we're lagging behind any of the States on environmental issues, we have a real problem.

Here are a few sources as to their detrimental environmental effects:

<https://globalnews.ca/news/8328175/leaf-blower-lawn-care-pollution/>

<https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/resources/documents/health-and-environmental-impacts-leaf-blowers>

<https://sustainability.wustl.edu/rethinking-lawn-equipment-2/>

One of these states that a leaf blower produced more than 300 times the emissions of a pickup truck. This should be reason enough for a ban.

I again reiterate my request to motion a ban on these devices. They are a hazard, an annoyance, and have no benefit. A leaf blown away by a leaf blower will be replaced by another when a wind picks up. They are nothing more than a dangerous nuisance.

Thank you in advance,

Stan Barber,  
Hamilton, Ontario