



Electrify Your Landscaping

**IT'S CLEAN
IT'S QUIET
IT'S HEALTHY**

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CARE FOR THE PLANTS AND THE SOIL

Avoid the use of all leaf blowers around plantings. They erode and compact the soil and damage habitat for beneficial insects and pollinators.

AVOID HERBICIDES AND PESTICIDES

Most yards do not need these dangerous chemicals which are harmful to children, pets, wildlife, insects and waterways.

LEAVE THE LEAVES

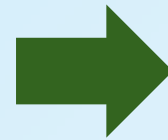
Leaves and other plant matter under trees and shrubs help build mulch, healthy soil and habitat for pollinators and wildlife.

**Lake Oswego Sustainability Network is a community-based non-profit organization run by volunteers with the purpose of promoting sustainability in Lake Oswego
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TIRED OF GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS?

- Buy electric tools. They're affordable, clean and effective.
- Share your electric tools with your landscaper. Offer to provide them with a fresh battery on your day of service.
- Ask them to use brooms and rakes and to practice healthy yard care.
- HIRE A LANDSCAPER WHO OFFERS ALTERNATIVES TO GAS-POWERED MAINTENANCE. WE HAVE A LIST!

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EXTREME NOISE

Low-frequency and high-decibel, the noise of a gas-powered blower is significantly louder than electric. It permeates walls and negatively impacts up to 90 surrounding homes. The noise contributes to hearing loss, high blood pressure and stress.

HEALTH RISKS

Two stroke engines burn a mixture of gasoline and oil. They produce exhaust fumes laden with high levels of benzene, butadiene, formaldehyde, and fine particulates which are known carcinogens that are associated with respiratory, cardiovascular and neurological harm.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Toxic waste and smog-forming emissions from these engines harm ecosystems and contribute to the climate crisis. Gas leaf blowers create up to 200-mph wind force which sends dust that can contain pollen, mold, animal feces, heavy metals and chemicals from herbicides and pesticides into the air.

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