

## April 25, 2022 GREEN DRINKS GLENVIEW

### Topic: *Regulating Leaf Blowers*

#### Resources

##### ◆American Green Zone Alliance (<https://agza.net/>)

AGZA is a member-based organization that provides education and certification in low-impact, clean technologies in landscape maintenance strategies.

The [AGZA Residential Green Zone Initiative](#) (ARGZI) encourages people to take responsibility and control over what lawn and garden maintenance activities take place on their property. Here is a list of common traditional lawn and garden maintenance practices that have a profound effect on workers, people, pets, communities, and the planet.

- Gas Powered Equipment
- Planting NON-Natives
- Excessive Turf Sizes
- Inefficient and Wasteful Watering Practices
- Using Dangerous Chemicals for Fertilizing, Weed, and Pest Control

ARGZI provides a set of guidelines that help you reach your personal sustainability goals and put them into practice.

See also: <https://turfmagazine.com/turfmagazine/operations-and-services/american-green-zone-alliance-agza-initiatives-today/>

##### ◆Quiet Communities ([quietcommunities.org](https://quietcommunities.org))

Quiet Communities, Inc. (QCi) is a nonprofit 501C3 organization that is dedicated to helping communities reduce health and environmental harm from noise and pollution. It operates through five programs: [Quiet American Skies](#), [Quiet Outdoors](#), [Quiet Coalition](#), [Quiet Healthcare](#), and [Quiet Conversation](#). Each strives to generate long-lasting structural and behavioral changes that result in quieter, more sustainable, and more livable communities.

[Quiet Outdoors'](#) mission is to transition landscape maintenance to low noise, zero emissions practices with positive solutions to protect the health of workers, children, the public, and the environment. We provide research, education, outreach, and solutions, working collaboratively with communities, businesses, schools, and government agencies.

<https://quietcommunities.org/low-frequency-noise-may-account-intolerability-gas-leaf-blowers/>  
<https://quietcommunities.org/local-regulation-leaf-blower-use-proper-use-police-power/>

##### ◆Go Green Wilmette (<https://gogreenwilmette.org>)

GGW's YouTube channel has a variety of educational programs, including four on gas-powered leaf blowers. In its most recent program from December 7, 2021 ([Multi-Community Leaf Blower Meeting](#)), experts from the Respiratory Health Assn. and the IL Landscape Contractors Assn. briefly address the issues with gas powered leaf blowers and the transition to electric. Most of the programs address how six nearby communities have and are addressing issues related to leaf blower use.

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