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TO: Lincoln Landscaping Companies  
FR: Mark Robidoux, Zoning Officer  
DT: August 19, 2019  
**RE: Town's Recently Adopted Leaf Blower Bylaw**

The purpose of this notice is to make you aware of the Town's recently enacted Leaf Blower Bylaw, and to request your cooperation in its implementation. On March 23, 2019 the Town Meeting voted to amend its General Bylaws to include a new Article XI, Section 19, titled "Leaf Blowers," a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. **The new Leaf Blower Bylaw was approved by the Attorney General and is now in effect.**

The following is a summary of the Bylaw's key provisions:

- 1) Electric and battery-powered leaf blowers may be used all year, subject to time of day limitations in Section C.
- 2) Gas-powered leaf blowers may be used only from:
  - October 1<sup>st</sup> – December 20<sup>th</sup>, and from
  - March 20<sup>th</sup> – May 31<sup>st</sup>
  - Again, subject to the time restrictions in Section C.
- 3) The Bylaw carves out an exemption for public safety and emergency situations.
- 4) The Building Inspector has some limited discretion to grant one-day exemptions, but subject to a written application.
- 5) In terms of enforcement, we are hopeful that by making our landscape professionals and residents aware of the new Bylaw that the need for enforcement will be limited. Complaints will be investigated in a timely manner. When enforcement is required, warnings will be issued after a first violation, with a fine of \$100 for each subsequent violation.

Please feel welcome to contact me if you have questions about the Leaf Blower Bylaw and actions that need to be taken to comply. Although the ultimate responsibility for compliance rests with our homeowners, we wanted to make you aware of these new Lincoln requirements.

Thank you in advance for your attention and cooperation.

Mark Robidoux, CBO  
Building Commissioner/Zoning Enforcement Officer  
Encl: Leaf Blower Bylaw