

To Our Valued Landscape Maintenance Company,

We are writing to request that you no longer take care of our property with gas-powered equipment, especially leaf blowers.

There are many reasons for our request.

Primarily, we are concerned about your health and safety. Landscaping workers have told us that they inhale toxic smoke and fine dust, and your ears are buzzing at the end of your long work day. The health risks are serious. They include respiratory disease, cancer and hearing loss.

We are also concerned about our neighbors' health. Gas-powered leaf blower emissions spread throughout the area, along with clouds containing pollen, heavy metals and animal feces. These especially endanger children, those with asthma and those with disabilities.

We would also like to reduce the very loud noise in the neighborhood. Our neighbors can clearly hear gas-powered leaf blowers in their homes. The noise is very loud, and it disrupts work, childcare, and peace in people's homes.

If you would like more information on why we are concerned about leaf blowers and other gas-powered equipment, please visit quietcleansanmateo.org.

The San Mateo County cities of Burlingame, Hillsborough and Menlo Park have already banned gas-powered leaf blowers, and more gas-powered leaf blower bans will surely follow. We are asking that you make the change to cleaner alternative tools, now.

We are happy to leave some of the leaves and other yard debris where it falls. It is good for the soil and leads to less watering.

In the future, please

_____ do not use any leaf blowers.

_____ use only **electric-powered** leaf blowers (<65 dBA, and with care)

Thank you very much for your service. We appreciate that this requires a change to how you care for our property, but we feel it is important. We are available if you wish to discuss this with us.

Thank you,