



Resolution on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers
Passed by the Massachusetts Medical Society, April 2017
Sponsored by the Committee on Environmental and Occupational Health

1. That the MMS adopt the following adapted from American Medical Association policies:
 - The MMS recognizes noise pollution as a public health hazard, with respect to hearing loss, and supports initiatives to increase awareness of the health risks of loud noise exposure. (HP)
 - The MMS urges the maximum feasible reduction of all forms of air pollution, including particulates, gases, toxicants, irritants, smog formers, and other biologically and chemically active pollutants. (HP)
2. That the MMS acknowledges the increased risk of adverse health consequences to workers and general public from gas-powered leaf blowers including hearing loss and cardiopulmonary disease. (HP)

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Passed by the Medical Society of the State of New York, May 2016

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York call upon the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the manufacturers of the gas leaf blowers develop guidelines that would dramatically reduce the toxic emissions and noise level of gas leaf blowers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Medical Society of the State of New York also encourage that New York State and other governmental entities promote the use of nonpolluting alternatives to gas leaf blowers; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the American Medical Association for consideration at its House of Delegates.