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Noise, noise, noise! Why should we have to listen to the endless shriek of leaf blowers? If Palo Alto, Piedmont, and Los Altos can ban gas blowers, we should join the movement to stop the pollution, noise, and endless movement of dirt and yard debris back and forth between properties. When one house is "free" of dust and leaves (moved via blower to their neighbors), the next gardener starts up this inane cacophony.

This is a pervasive and antisocial invasion to the right of a peaceful home. Hours of operation are completely ignored. The hills and canyons around us are alive with gas-powered blower noise before 9:00 am and after 5:00 pm during the week, and all day Saturday and many Sundays. Gardeners merely shrug with indifference, if approached, and HPD has trouble locating the offenders due to the echoes in the hills.

Driving through dirt clouds as gardeners blow a property "clean" by blowing the dirt and debris into the roadway is unhealthy and inexcusable. Please pass an ordinance to ban or restrict the use of these noisy, polluting, unnecessary gas-powered leaf blowers.

Thank you.

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