

## Chapter 159

### LEAF BLOWERS, GAS-POWERED

#### GENERAL REFERENCES

Lawn maintenance businesses — See Ch. 157. Noise — See Ch. 181.

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#### **§ 159-1. Prohibited acts; commercial entity; fines.**

- A. The use of gas-powered (nonelectric) leaf blowers is prohibited within the Township of Maplewood from May 15 through September 30 of each year by all commercial entities.
- B. A commercial entity shall include but not be limited to lawn maintenance businesses, tree removal or maintenance businesses, paving companies, gutter cleaning companies and shall include any person or entity charging a fee for services.
- C. Any commercial entity violating the provisions of this section shall be fined as follows:
  - (1) First offense: \$500.
  - (2) Second offense: \$1,000.
  - (3) For a third or subsequent offense: \$1,500, and the violator will be subject to a loss of license to perform work within the Township of Maplewood.

#### **§ 159-2. Safety equipment; fines.**

- A. All commercial entity workers using gas-powered leaf blowers must be provided with and must wear safety equipment for hearing and breathing. Any commercial entity failing to provide and/or failing to require its workers to wear the aforementioned safety equipment shall be subject to a fine as follows:
  - (1) First offense: \$50.
  - (2) Second offense: \$100.
  - (3) For a third or subsequent offense: \$150.
- B. Each day a violation continues shall be deemed a separate offense.

#### **§ 159-3. Deposit of leaves on street; fines.**

No person or entity may deposit leaves into any street more than seven days before a regularly scheduled Department of Public Works pickup. Anyone violating this section shall be subject to a fine as follows:

- A. First offense: \$100.
- B. Second offense: \$200.
- C. For a third or subsequent offense: \$500.

**§ 159-4. When use permitted.**

The use of gas-powered leaf blowers by any person or entity is permitted only as follows:

- A. Monday through Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- B. Saturdays: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- C. Commercial entities are not permitted to use gas-powered leaf blowers on Sundays.
- D. Residents of the Township of Maplewood may use gas-powered leaf blowers on Sundays between 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**§ 159-5. Weather or other emergency.**

In the event of a weather emergency or other emergent circumstances, the Township Emergency Management Coordinator shall be permitted to modify the restrictions of this chapter.