

A SUMMARY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE REVISED NOISE ORDINANCE passed by Princeton Council October 25, 2021

Below is Quiet Princeton's summary of the new (Oct 2021) ordinance provisions, comparing the major new provisions with the former situation. The ordinance also includes detailed requirements for registration of landscapers.

Dates of implementation

Revised hours of operation take effect immediately

Summer and winter bans on gas-powered leaf blowers take effect Jan 1, 2022

—Formerly, gas-powered leaf blowers were permitted any time of year and any day of the week. The major changes in the new ordinance are:

The new ordinance bans gas leaf blowers during the summer and winter months—May 16 through September 30, and December 16 through March 14.

Gas leaf blowers are banned on Sundays and major holidays throughout the year.

—Formerly, gas-powered leaf blowers were permitted until 10pm every day.

The new ordinance shortens the permitted times: Gas-powered leaf blowers will now be allowed 8am to 8pm on weekdays and 8am to 5pm on Saturdays.

—Electric leaf blowers are now permitted all year round:

- 8am to 8pm on weekdays, 8am to 5pm on Saturdays, and 1pm to 6pm on Sundays and holidays.

—Lawn mowers, both gas-powered and electric, are now permitted all year round in defined hours:

- 8am to 8pm on weekdays, 8am to 5pm on Saturdays, and 1pm to 6pm on Sundays and holidays (the same hours as electric leaf blowers).

—Formerly, gas-powered chainsaws, hedge trimmers, string trimmers, and pole trimmers were allowed year-round, on any day.

The new ordinance bans them on Sundays and holidays.

—Gas-powered chainsaws, hedge trimmers, string trimmers, and pole trimmers are now permitted 8am to 8pm on weekdays and 8am to 5pm on Saturdays. Not permitted on Sundays.

—Like electric leaf blowers, electric chainsaws, hedge trimmers, string trimmers, and pole trimmers are now permitted all year round:

- 8am to 8pm on weekdays, 8am to 5pm on Saturdays, and 1pm to 6pm on Sundays and holidays.

—These restrictions apply to both Princeton residents and to landscapers who are working on properties in Princeton. If there is non-compliance, both the property owner and the landscaper (if applicable) are subject to fines.

—All of the new provisions will be lifted in emergencies, such as clean-up after hurricanes.