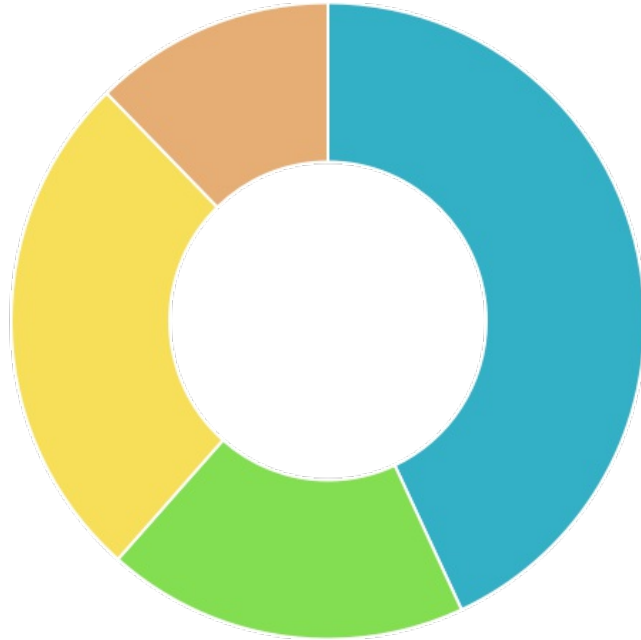


Quick Report

Which best describes your personal experience of leaf blowers?

	● I own and use one.	● My landscape crew uses them.	● No personal experience.	● Other (Please Specify)	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	28 (43%)	12 (18%)	17 (26%)	8 (12%)	7.5	65

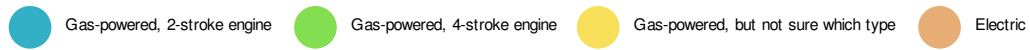
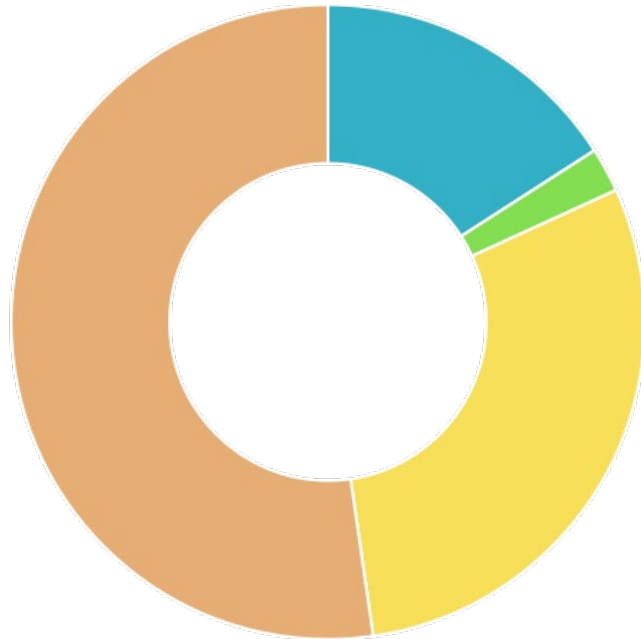


Text Responses

husband uses; I detest them
Building landscapers use (TO MY CHAGRIN)
My husband owns one. I hate them.
own one but use it infrequently
I own one, it is electric, haven't used it much since I moved into and apartment years ago
I choose to take and do not use a leaf blower.
Had one once, now I use a rake/broom/pan
Neighbors use them

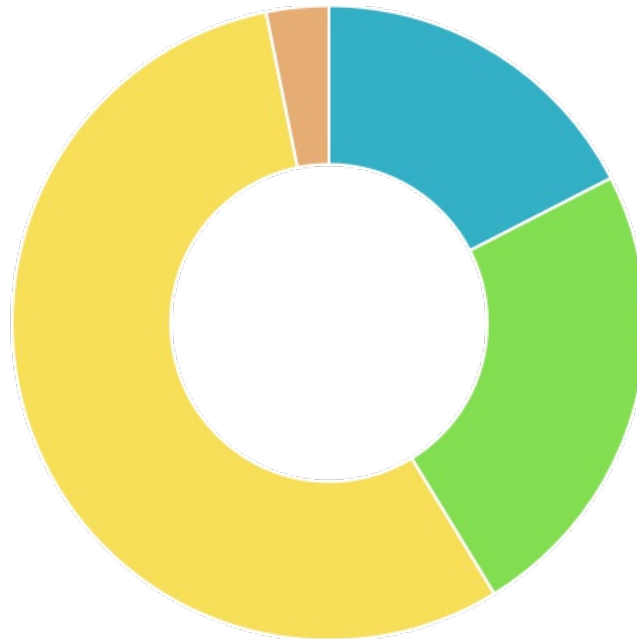
If you or your yard workers use a leaf blower, what type is it?

	Gas-powered, 2-stroke engine	Gas-powered, 4-stroke engine	Gas-powered, but not sure which type	Electric	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	7 (16%)	1 (2%)	13 (30%)	23 (52%)	8.12	44



Which best describes your general attitude toward gas-powered leaf blowers?

	Favorable	Mixed feelings	Unfavorable	Other (Please Specify)	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	11 (17%)	15 (24%)	35 (56%)	2 (3%)	12.07	63



Text Responses

Never thought about them, no opinion
ABSOLUTE DETEST

Rank the following items, from the MOST to the LEAST objectionable feature of gas-powered leaf blowers.

1 Noise: human health risk and lower quality of life



2 Air pollution: human health risk from exhaust, e.g., unburned gasoline, carbon monoxide, fine particulates



3 Air pollution: human health risk from blowing itself, e.g., dust, pesticides, herbicides, fungi, mold, spores, fecal matter



4 Environment: adverse effects on topsoil, i.e., compaction, drying out, increased likelihood of erosion

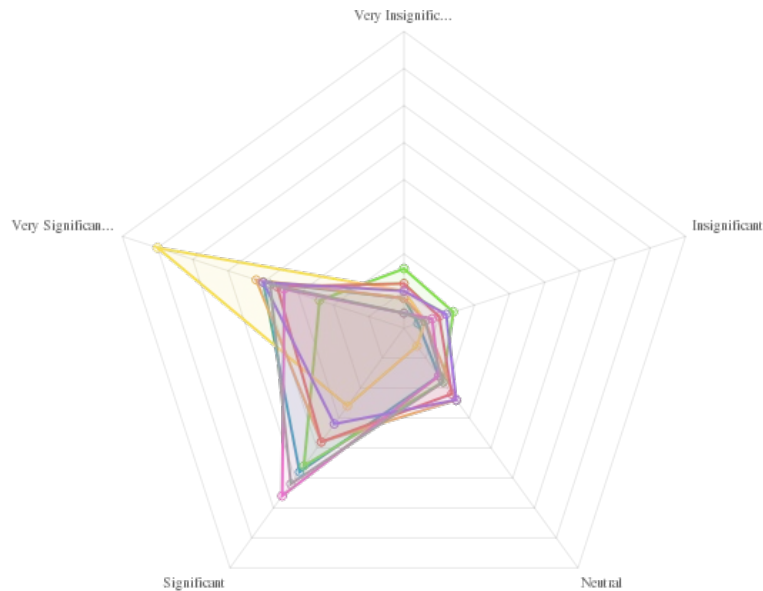


5 Environment: adverse effects on wildlife



Suppose you meet someone who has no opinion about gas-powered leaf blowers. For each item below, how significant should it be in determining that person's attitude?

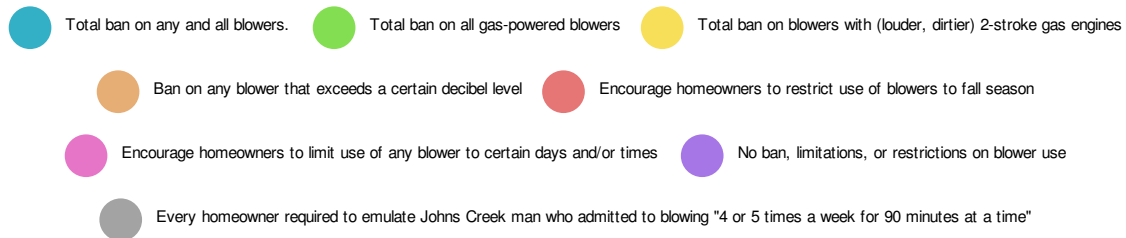
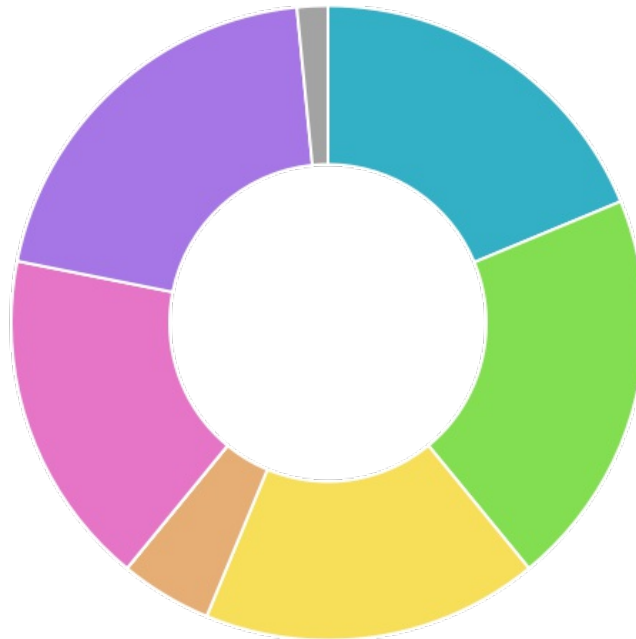
	Very Insignificant	Insignificant	Neutral	Significant	Very Significant	Standard Deviation	Responses	Weighted Average
● American Lung Association against	4 (7%)	2 (3%)	8 (14%)	24 (41%)	20 (34%)	8.8	58	3.93 / 5
● Communities in CA, CO, CT, FL, IL, MA, MD, NY already ban or limit somehow	8 (14%)	7 (12%)	9 (15%)	23 (39%)	12 (20%)	5.84	59	3.41 / 5
● 2-stroke blower emits 300 times hydrocarbons of a heavy-duty pickup	5 (8%)	3 (5%)	3 (5%)	13 (22%)	35 (59%)	12.17	59	4.19 / 5
● Consumer Reports says electric blowers perform comparably for homeowner	4 (7%)	3 (5%)	12 (20%)	19 (32%)	21 (36%)	7.41	59	3.85 / 5
● ATL ordinance already recognizes necessity of limiting urban noise	6 (10%)	5 (8%)	11 (19%)	19 (32%)	18 (31%)	5.84	59	3.64 / 5
● Low-paid workers suffer most harm from blowers	2 (3%)	4 (7%)	8 (14%)	28 (47%)	17 (29%)	9.6	59	3.92 / 5
● Noise tends to antagonize listeners, not creator — source of friction among homeowners	5 (8%)	6 (10%)	12 (20%)	16 (27%)	20 (34%)	5.74	59	3.68 / 5
● Children at particular risk from air and noise pollution	2 (3%)	3 (5%)	9 (15%)	26 (44%)	19 (32%)	9.33	59	3.97 / 5
								3.82 / 5



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- Children at particular risk from air and noise pollution

If you were king or queen of Inman Park, what edict would you declare concerning leaf blowers in our neighborhood?

	● Total ban on any and all blowers.	● Total ban on all gas-powered blowers	● Total ban on blowers with (louder, dirtier) 2-stroke gas engines	● Ban on any blower that exceeds a certain decibel level	● Encourage homeowners to restrict use of blowers to fall season	● Encourage homeowners to limit use of any blower to certain days and/or times	● No ban, limitations, or restrictions on blower use	● Every homeowner required to emulate Johns Creek man who admitted to blowing "4 or 5 times a week for 90 minutes at a time"	Standard Deviation	Responses
All Data	12 (19%)	13 (20%)	11 (17%)	3 (5%)	0 (0%)	11 (17%)	13 (20%)	1 (2%)	5.27	64



If you have additional comment, please enter it here.

Text Responses

As a landscaper, there is little option to a 2stroke engine. I tried a 4-stroke--it lasted a few weeks. A job that takes 30 minutes with the blower would probably take 6 to 8 hours with a broom.

Personally don't like hearing them before 9:00am or after dark.

A cordless electric would be great when the technology catches up.

Thank you and keep up the notices; this is an environmental, human health, and quality of life issue. Especially talk please with my husband!

Thank you

Nice try at putting together an even-handed survey. That was my attempt at sarcasm.

long term exposure causes hearing loss

ALL LEAF BLOWERS BLOW!! Use a freaking rake and get a little exercise. And landscapers in particular are paid to walk around with them whether there is anything to actually blow or not.

Poorly written survey. Have folks help you next time and test it before sending it out....But thank you for your effort!

While there are folks who blow to much and some blowers are too noisy - I don't believe we need to start banning things like this in Inman Park.

Survey questions are absolutely biased and don't offer a true opportunity for a range of opinions.

At the very least, they should minimize its use, especially the 2 stroke blowers. Additionally, rakes seem just as effective (except at the very end when picking up the dust debris).

I think it would be counter-productive and set a very bad precedent for IPNA to be involved in this sort of thing, except to publicly state that we strongly prefer electric leaf blowers or the more quiet gas-powered units. I would also say that I would much rather people keep their yards clean in a way that they will do consistently than have a world free of leaf blowers.

Final thought: Leave it up to your neighbors to do the right thing. If you can't trust your neighbors to do the right thing, then YOU need to MOVE.

I suggest Mon - Sat 11am to 5pm

My gas powered leaf blower is a very handy and efficient tool. I understand the air pollution and noise issues and I try to be considerate of my neighbors, but the benefits to me outweigh these items. Please do not attempt to ban gas powered leaf blowers in our neighborhood.

Having a window of time that leaf blowers are allowed would be helpful. I think there may be, but it's not enforced. I live across from Krog Street Market and they start blowing at 6:50 am.

I understand it is better for the environment to rake leaves into mulch around bottom of your trees.

Remind/encourage homeowners of the benefits of manual upkeep of one's own yard...i.e. mowing, raking, and sweeping. These activities are a great source of exercise, which is good for body and mind. O.K., mowers make noise, but raking and sweeping, not so much! Yes, "doing" your own yard is tiring and takes time, but so is going to a gym, plus doing your own work is free. Last but not least, working in your yard usually results in interaction with neighbors and even strangers walking down the street. Inman Parkers: don't be afraid of getting hot, sweaty, and dirty...it's good for us and the environment.

Thanks for the survey. We have a landscape crew that starts every Friday at 6:45 am blowing leaves at a restaurant across the street. Would like to see more city restrictions on hours of use. I think 7 am is permissible during that week and that is too early.

thank you

If I were King, I would fine the poop offenders and use the revenue to subsidize electric blowers. But otherwise butt out and turn up the stereo

There are sooooooo many more important things in life than this silly questionnaire, and the nuisance that some folks consider leaf blowers to be. This questionnaire is leading questions, and I don't believe it to be impartial.

Seriously, ban gas powered blowers. People can get an electric one if they want and there are always rakes and brooms. Everyone wins!

Clearly, the intent of this bias survey with its 'leading questions' is to eliminate or restrict gas powered leaf blowers in our neighborhood and, I oppose this position.

Charge yard/lawn maintenance companies a very substantial license fee to operate a leaf blower that must pass an emissions and noise level evaluation certification process. These companies go from yard to yard in the same neighborhood and expose their workers to prolonged levels of noise and pollution.

Require standards that leaf blower manufacturers have to meet. Charge an environmental fee at time of sales for all leaf blower purchases.

Leaves are pretty. "Leaf" them be

I was not able to figure out how to rank the factors in question #4. Noise is first and pollution second. . . I HATE LEAFBLOWERS WITH A WHITE HOT HATRED and only refrain from expressing this fully to my blower-using neighbors out of a need to maintain a good relationship with them - they are otherwise nice people but they have small children and don't seem concerned about the pollution, which I don't understand, and they don't care about the noise. I confine myself to pointing out that I am able to accomplish just as much with a broom, quietly, and get exercise in the process. I think the men who wield them (never saw a woman use one!) do it for reasons of machismo.

This is absolutely ridiculous. There should absolutely be zero restriction considered. Have you seen the homes that don't blow their leaves. They are also playing into increased mold and bad environment.

I think we should ban gas-powered blowers. Use of electric blowers should be limited to 9am to 9pm daily.