

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 21, SECTION ____ OF THE REVISED
GENERAL ORDINANCES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF
WEST ORANGE, NEW JERSEY** that Chapter 21 of the Revised General Ordinances of the
Township of West Orange be and are hereby amended as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this ordinance is to prohibit the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within the Township seasonally and then fully on January 1, 2026. The Township has determined that health and well-being of residents and workers and the overall climate supports the provisions herein.

**II. CHAPTER 21, SECTION ____ ENTITLED DEFINITIONS BE AND IS HEREBY
AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

Electric Powered Leaf Blower shall mean a piece of equipment powered by an electric motor used in yard maintenance.

Gas-Powered Leaf Blower shall mean a piece of equipment powered by a two-stroke or four-stroke engine using gasoline or a mixture of gasoline and oil blend as fuel and used primarily for but not exclusively to blow grass clippings and debris, leaves, dirt, etc. often used in yard and lawn maintenance.

Turbine Blower commonly referred to as a “Buffalo Blower” shall mean a piece of equipment that is connected to a small tractor, golf cart or other vehicle and is intended to maintain large parcels of land. It shall be used only on golf courses.

**III. CHAPTER 21, SECTION ____ e ENTITLED PROHIBITED CONDUCT BE AND IS
HEREBY AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:**

The use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers, except a Turbine Blower, shall be prohibited within the Township of West Orange on residential, commercial and Township properties as follows:

1. Gas Powered Leaf Blowers may be permitted March 1 through April 30, 2024; and October 1 through December 31, 2024.
2. Effective January 1, 2026, Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers shall be prohibited anywhere in the Township for any reason.
3. All Leaf Blowers shall be prohibited from use in the application of chemicals or products to treat bug or insect infestation.
4. Hours of usage for Leaf Blowers shall be limited to:

- a) Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- b) Saturdays and Sundays 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 5. Turbine blowers shall be permitted within the Township.

IV. CHAPTER 21, SECTION _____ ENTITLED EXCEPTIONS BE AND IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADD AS FOLLOWS:

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 Ordinance.

No provision herein shall apply to any county, state or federal governmental property.

V. CHAPTER 21, SECTION _____ ENTITLED PENALTIES BE AND IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADD AS FOLLOWS:

Fines for violation of this Ordinance shall be applicable to both the property owner and any contractor doing work in the Township and shall be fixed by Resolution.

VI. CHAPTER 21, SECTION ____ BE AND IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADD AS FOLLOWS:

Landscaper Registry

All landscapers working within the Township shall be required to register with the Department of Public Works no later than March 15, 2024 and renewed annually thereafter. A list of registered landscapers shall be accessible on the Township website. The fee for registration shall be fixed by Resolution.

VII. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township which are in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

VIII. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such determination shall only apply to those specific section(s), paragraph(s), subparagraph(s), clause(s) or provision(s) and those parts shall be severed. The invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance which shall be deemed valid and effective.

IX. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

SUSAN McCARTNEY, MAYOR

**TAMMY WILLIAMS,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C.,
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

INTRODUCED: November 20, 2023

ADOPTED: December 5, 2023

Approved as to form on the basis of facts provided.

Legislative History

This Ordinance is intended to limit and prohibit the use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers within the Township.

Supplemental information shall be provided as part of Second Reading of this Ordinance.