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**ATTENTION
PROFESSIONAL LAWN
CARE PROVIDERS
There is a Leaf Blower
Storm Coming!**

And like a hurricane, it unexpectedly might be coming to your area.

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City councils all over the country are taking steps toward banning the use of all gasoline powered leaf blowers, so you might want to get involved to help prevent this. If you are faced with a blower ban, your cost of doing just the cleanup work at your customer's residence will increase by a factor of eight. Using a broom or a rake is at least eight times slower than using a leaf blower.
http://leafblownoise.com/#Leaf_Blower_vs._Broom.

Do you blow dirt in the street or on neighboring properties? Are you idling down the blower when someone walks by? Have you ever started using your blower before 8:00 AM or run it after 5:00 PM? Do you use it on Sundays or holidays? How about running more than one blower at a time in a residential area? What about use on dusty or untreated surfaces?

Okay, maybe not in your case, but if you have only one noisy leaf blower on the job, all leaf blowers are reviled and therein lies the main reason for people wanting to ban them.

Manufacturers have addressed the design issues. They have created quiet gasoline powered leaf blowers and today they run cleaner than ever. You probably have quiet

blowers in your inventory, but do you use them exclusively in residential areas. How do you know which are quiet? Look for 65 decibels on the sound label:
<http://leafblownoise.com/Sound%20label%20mounted.jpg>.

The way you can preemptively impact the leaf blower issue is by using quiet leaf blowers now and by using them responsibly. Don't wait for legislation before acting. By then it could be too late.