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About the Author



For eight years prior to his retirement, Mr. Larry Will, BSME, PE was Vice President of Engineering at ECHO Inc., Lake Zurich, IL, a leading manufacturer of gasoline powered lawn care products. In this capacity, he managed the development of the first "Quiet" leaf blower that reduced leaf blower sound by 75%. As a member of the Hand Held Products /Committee for the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), Arlington, VA, he was instrumental in creating an informational pamphlet and electronic media that was published by OPEI entitled "Leaf Blowers, A Guide to Safe and Courteous Use". He also wrote the ECHO leaf blower training manual. Mr. Will was called upon to make a presentation before the National Academy of Engineering in Washington DC, because he is the only nationally know expert totally familiar with the leaf blower issues of sound and environmental impact.

Following his retirement from ECHO, Mr. Will has addressed leaf blower concerns throughout the United States and Canada as an unsolicited consultant to more than 160 cities and state legislative bodies. He shares his experience wherever a city is addressing leaf blower issues. Will provides reliable information about products presently being manufactured so an informed decision can be made when legislation is being contemplated. He knows all the pitfalls and problems a city will face in dealing with the leaf blower noise issue and can suggest workable alternatives to a leaf blower ban.

As a leaf blower expert in design, manufacture, application and use, Will is in a unique position to supply up-to-date and accurate data and facts. He has been interviewed for many articles written by several leading news organizations including The Atlantic, New Yorker, Guardian, Miami Herald and on camera for CBS News Sunday Morning. This has given him a firm grasp on the mindset of the media.

Mr. Will is always available at no charge to answer questions by phone or email. He can also be hired to conduct seminars, including product comparison demonstrations for transportation and lodging costs.

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