

# House Bill 3350

Sponsored by Representative KENY-GUYER, Senator DEMBROW; Senator FAGAN

## SUMMARY

The following summary is not prepared by the sponsors of the measure and is not a part of the body thereof subject to consideration by the Legislative Assembly. It is an editor's brief statement of the essential features of the measure **as introduced**.

Prohibits sale or use of two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blowers. Punishes violation by maximum fine of \$1,000. Becomes operative January 1, 2023.

## A BILL FOR AN ACT

1  
2 Relating to leaf blowers.

3 **Be It Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:**

4 **SECTION 1. (1) The Legislative Assembly finds that:**

5 (a) **Two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blowers are harmful to the environment and to public**  
6 **and operator health;**

7 (b) **Two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blowers burn only 60 to 70 percent of the gas and oil**  
8 **mixture used as fuel for the leaf blowers, resulting in emissions of carbon monoxide, carbon**  
9 **dioxide, nitrous oxides, benzene, formaldehyde, toluene, butadiene and acetaldehyde, all of**  
10 **which are harmful to human health and some of which are known carcinogens;**

11 (c) **Smog shortens the lifespans of people exposed to it on a regular basis, and two-cycle**  
12 **gasoline-powered leaf blowers emit smog-creating hydrocarbons at a rate far greater than**  
13 **many gasoline-powered automobiles;**

14 (d) **Two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blowers often have an operating volume that exceeds**  
15 **decibel levels known to cause damage to the ear and have been identified as common con-**  
16 **tributors to permanent hearing loss; and**

17 (e) **Elevated noise levels can lead to stress, anxiety, depression, high blood pressure and**  
18 **heart disease.**

19 (2) **The Legislative Assembly declares that it is therefore in the interest of the public and**  
20 **of landscape equipment operators to eliminate the use of two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf**  
21 **blowers in this state.**

22 **SECTION 2. (1) No person shall sell or offer to sell or give as a sales inducement in this**  
23 **state a two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blower.**

24 (2) **No person shall use a two-cycle gasoline-powered leaf blower.**

25 (3) **Nothing in subsection (1) of this section prevents wholesale transactions, including**  
26 **but not limited to the transportation, warehousing, sale and delivery of two-cycle gasoline-**  
27 **powered leaf blowers.**

28 (4) **Violation of subsection (1) or (2) of this section is a Class B violation.**

29 **SECTION 3. Section 2 of this 2019 Act becomes operative on January 1, 2023.**

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**NOTE:** Matter in **boldfaced** type in an amended section is new; matter [*italic and bracketed*] is existing law to be omitted. New sections are in **boldfaced** type.