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Stepping away from gas-powered leaf blowers seems like an obvious step to avoid exacerbating our current climate crisis. Moving rapidly to electric blowers is one step, with measures taken to mitigate harm to lawn maintenance workers. This would protect our hearing from the daily, sometimes hourly assault of the leaf blowers, and it would protect our children and our landscapers from the devastating consequences of these machines. If we cannot rid ourselves of leaf blowers altogether, which I would favor, let Portland at least move in the direction of saving the environment from the harm caused by the gas-powered machines. Many other cities have outlawed them, and I don't see any reason Portland should not follow their lead.