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This seems like a no-brainer. Gas powered leaf blowers emit more particulate pollution per size than an SUV, are incredibly inefficient users of fossil fuel and make more noise than a heavy metal band. WE don't need them! Easy substitutes exist. There's electric blowers, and the old-fashioned rake, which sufficed for a very long time. Plus every leaf in a yard or other greenspace does not need to be vacuumed up like dust on a carpet. A moderate amount of leaves provide needed mulch for garden beds, protecting against climactic extremes and providing nutrients for the soil.