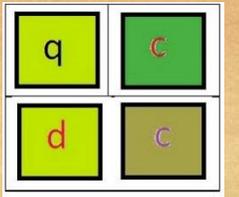


# DC's New Leaf Blower Phase-Out

Chuck Elkins, Member

Quiet Clean DC



QuietClean DC

# Leaf Blower Regulation Amendment Act of 2018

D.C. Act 22-538 (December 26, 2018)

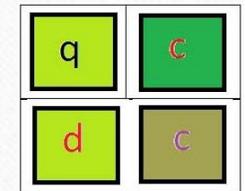
---

Phase out of Gasoline-powered Leaf Blowers by January 1, 2022

Enforced by District's Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs

and by

Citizen Affidavits of Observed Violations

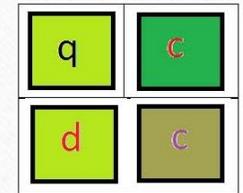


Quiet Clean DC

# Issues We Faced

---

1. Phase out vs. an Immediate Ban?

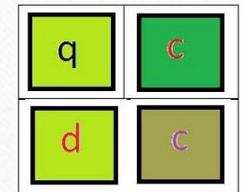


Quiet Clean DC

# Issues We Faced--continued

---

2. Legislative Basis for the Phase Out:  
Noise and air pollution vs. just noise?



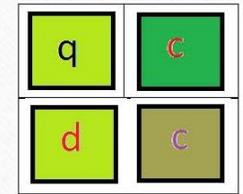
Quiet Clean DC

# Issues We Faced--continued

---

## 3. What to Phase Out (and why)

- a. Leaf Blowers only vs. garden equipment?
- b. All leaf blowers vs. only gas-powered leaf blowers?
- c. How can this decision be based on noise?



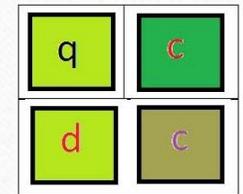
Quiet Clean DC

# Issues We Faced--continued

---

## 4. Applicability

Contractors and Homeowners vs. just contractors ?



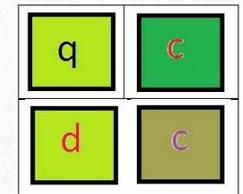
Quiet Clean DC

# Issues We Faced--continued

---

## 5. How to Determine a Violation

Decibel reading vs. eyesight/photo?



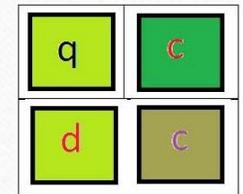
Quiet Clean DC

# Issues We Faced--continued

---

## 6. Primary Enforcement Method

Police and Inspectors vs. citizen affidavits?

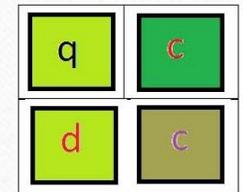


Quiet Clean DC

# Our Decisions

---

1. Phase Out
2. Noise only as the legislative basis
3. Only gas-powered leaf blowers
4. Contractors AND homeowners
5. Eyesight and photos, no decibel meters
6. Citizen Affidavits as primary enforcement method.

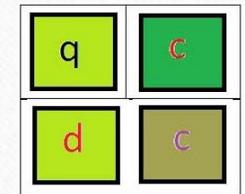


Quiet Clean DC

# Our Methods of Persuasion

---

- Getting Organized
- Research
- Website ([QuietcleanDC.com](http://QuietcleanDC.com))
- Petition
- Community Meetings (Advisory Neighborhood Commissions)
- Separate meetings with each of the 13 Council Members
- Orchestrated comprehensive Council hearing



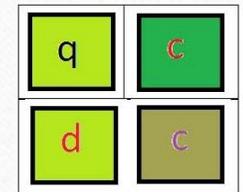
Quiet Clean DC

# Sources of Help

---

Quiet Communities Organization ([quietcommunities.org](http://quietcommunities.org))

Our Website ([QuietcleanDC.com](http://QuietcleanDC.com))

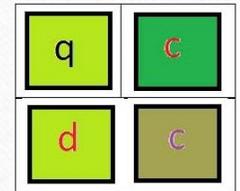


Quiet Clean DC

January 1,



2022



Quiet Clean DC