

Cully Association of Neighbors Endorsement of Quiet Clean PDX

Whereas the Cully neighborhood is an area prized for its natural areas and gardens, quiet streets, and walkability as well as a thriving, family-friendly, village business district,

And whereas Cully Association of Neighbors is dedicated to enhancing livability and quality of life in the neighborhood,

And whereas the use of gas-powered leaf blowers (GLBs) is antithetical to these qualities by:

1. Creating high intensity, intrusive noise that disturbs residents, passersby and shoppers and can lead to permanent hearing loss for the operator.
2. Creating health risks by the emissions of toxic substances that can cause cancer, heart and lung disease.
3. Causing air pollution by the emission of smog-forming chemicals and the dispersal of fugitive dust particles (allergens, molds, dried feces, herbicides and pesticides and other debris).
4. Causing environmental damage by eroding the soil and disturbing the ecosystem of valuable pollinators and other insects.
5. Requiring fossil fuels (gas and oil) for operation and thereby emitting carbon dioxide, which contributes to dangerous climate change

Therefore, the Cully Association of Neighbors endorses the work of Quiet Clean PDX, a group that is working to promote alternatives to GLBs, including battery-operated blowers and manual tools, as well as encouraging a healthier and simpler approach to lawn and garden care that reduces the need for gas-powered equipment.

Please see the website - quietcleanpdx.org - for details of this work.