



AMENDED CITY LAWS REGARDING LAWN EQUIPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION NOISE

The Rye City Council cares about the quality of our air, the health of our community and noise that disrupts our quality of life. In response to concerns raised by residents, on May 9, 2008 the Rye City Council adopted new laws amending the regulation of lawn maintenance equipment and construction activity. These changes include the following:

- Leaf blowers (both gas and electric) shall not be used in the City between June 1 and September 30. Beginning in 2009, the leaf blower prohibition is between **May 1 and September 30.**
- Between October 1 and April 30 use of leaf blowers is permitted; however, a leaf blower **cannot be operated simultaneously on the same lot** with another leaf blower or any other type of machine-powered lawn equipment. This provision does not apply to any property in the R-1 Residence District as shown on the City of Rye Zoning Map (see reverse side).
- Lawn mowers, outdoor vacuum cleaners and leaf blowers (during permitted season) shall not be operated between **8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays** and between **6:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. on weekends and holidays.**
- Municipal entities, schools, religious institutions, membership clubs, golf courses, hospital, retirement communities, cemeteries and driveway/road paving and sealing activities are exempt, however **exempt entities shall file a report to the Rye City Manager by December 31, 2008** describing their efforts to reduce and minimize leaf blower use within their institutions.
- The City Council also increased fines for violating the permitted hours of construction. You are reminded that construction work is only permitted on weekdays (excluding holidays) between 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Rock removal activities are only permitted on weekdays (excluding holidays) between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Please help by complying with these new laws and advising any lawn service or other contractor you may use. For more information please visit our website at www.ryeny.gov. To report a violation, phone the Rye City Police at 967-1234.

City of Rye, New York R-1 Zoning Districts



Two or more leaf blowers shall not be operated simultaneously on the same property, except in R-1 Residence Districts (shaded areas on this map).

(per § 133-7.C of the Rye City Code).



R-1 Zoning District

