Summary of Differences – Leaf Blower Law

	Previous Law	Proposed Changes
Permissible Dates to Operate Leaf Blowers and Other Motorized Lawn Equipment	October 1 and April 30 Weekdays 8 am – 8 pm Weekends 10 am – 6 pm	Electric Leaf Blowers may be used year-round Gas Leaf Blowers: October 1 to December 15 AND March 1 to April 30. Weekdays 8 am – 6 pm Weekends 10 am – 4 pm
Holiday Exemptions	Motorized lawn equipment not prohibited on specific holidays	All motorized equipment prohibited on certain holidays (see draft law for specifics).
Storm Exemption	Rye Department of Public Works may permit the use of leaf blowers from May 1 to September 30 for a period of time not to exceed seven days after significant storm events or during other emergency situations circumstances.	Rye Department of Public Works may permit the expand the use of gas leaf blowers for a period of time not to exceed fourteen days after significant storm events or during other emergency situations circumstances.
Penalties	Owner of the property OR the person performing such violation shall be notified to suspend all work and be subject to a fine of not more than $250 or imprisonment for a term of not more than 15 days, or both.	Adjusting PD policy so that the party operating the leaf blower AND the party who employed the operator of the leaf blower at the time of violation AND the party who owns, rents or otherwise controls the property where the violation occurs will be subject to a fine of $250 for the first offense, a fine not to exceed the sum of $350 for the second offense and a fine of up to $1,500 for the third offense.

Notes:

1. A Commercial Landscaper must have a valid Westchester County license.
2. Continues the exemption for municipal, schools, religious institutions, membership clubs, golf courses, hospital and retirement communities, cemeteries, and driveway / road paving and sealing activities.
3. Promotes the use of quieter electric powered leaf blowers by allowing use year-round