City of Rye

Updated Leaf Blower Law (2026)

The City of Rye has adopted Local Law No. 1-2026, amending Chapter 122 of the City Code. This new law, to take effect May 1, 2026, bans gas-powered leaf blowers for residential use.

After May 1, 2026:

ALL Gas Leaf Blowers Are Prohibited

- Gas-powered leaf blowers may not be used anywhere in the City of Rye.
- The prohibition is year-round.
- The former spring and fall "cleanup season" allowances have been eliminated.

This applies to:

- Landscaping companies, homeowners, tenants, property managers, and contractors

After May 1, 2026:

Other Gas Lawn Equipment Is Allowed

The new law effective May 1, 2026 will NOT ban other gas-powered landscaping equipment.

After May 1, 2026: (no change):

- Battery-powered and corded electric leaf blowers are allowed but hours of use still apply.

After May 1, 2026: (no change):

All motorized landscaping equipment (gas or electric) may be used only during:

Weekdays: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Weekends: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Not permitted on holidays.

After May 1, 2026: (higher fines):

Enforcement & Penalties:

Violations may result in escalating fines.

After May 1, 2026:

Limited Exceptions

Exceptions apply only to:

- Municipal operations, schools, and specified institutional or non-residential properties
- Emergency storm response or public safety situations