POLICY OF THE MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY CONCERNING GAS POWERED LEAF BLOWERS

The following policy regarding gas powered leaf blowers was adopted at the Massachusetts Medical Society’s Annual Meeting on April 29, 2017:

1. That the MMS adopt the following adapted from American Medical Association policies:

   The MMS recognizes noise pollution as a public health hazard, with respect to hearing loss, and supports initiatives to increase awareness of the health risks of loud noise exposure. (HP)

   The MMS urges the maximum feasible reduction of all forms of air pollution, including particulates, gases, toxicants, irritants, smog formers, and other biologically and chemically active pollutants. (HP)

2. That the MMS acknowledges the increased risk of adverse health consequences to workers and general public from gas-powered leaf blowers including hearing loss and cardiopulmonary disease. (HP)

— MMS House of Delegates, April 29, 2017