



# MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY

*Every physician matters, each patient counts.*

## **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*