



# Town of Brookline, Massachusetts



## 2015-16 Annual Report of Leaf Blower Calls

Below is the annual breakdown of all Leaf Blower-related calls that the Brookline Police Department received. There were a total of 121 calls from June 1st 2015 to May 31st 2016. Of these calls, 5 were officer –initiated and one was a walk-in. 8 calls resulted in written citations and 1 was a verbal warning.

Disposition of Calls		Sector	# In Sector
Adv/Complaint	25	1	21
Assist Rendered	4	2	13
By-Law Citation	8	3	15
Checks Out Ok	9	4	12
For the Record	9	5	13
Gone one Arrival	9	6	7
Nothing Showing	27	7	1
Released Call	2	8	18
Subjects FI'd	14	9	19
Unfounded Call	4	Unspecified	2
Unit Clear	5		
Verbal Warning	1		
Other	4		

2014/15 Total	2015/16 Total	%Δ
102	121	+18%

Date	Time	Disposition	Narrative
6/5/2015	8:30	Adv/Complaint	Landscaping company advised
6/5/2015	13:40	For the Record	No leaf blowers being used, lawn mowers are being used
6/5/2015	15:38	Released Call	
6/6/2015	8:41	Adv/Complaint	Company unaware of By-Law regarding blowers, has been in touch with DPW, will be looking into being exempt.
6/10/2015	13:28	Subjects FI'd	Electric leaf blower in use, advised and FI to be entered
6/12/2015	14:06	For the Record	No violations, raking dirt. Advised of town by-law. Caller satisfied.
6/12/2015	14:19	For the Record	No violations observed. Advised of by-law
6/21/2015	14:37	By-Law Citation	Company issued by-law citation will forward email to community service division
6/13/2015	10:10	Nothing showing	
6/13/2015	10:40	Adv/Complaint	Foreman advised of complaint and advised of town by law. FI.
6/13/2015	14:50	Adv/Complaint	Landscaper has been identified and advised
6/18/2015	9:49	Subjects FI'd	Verbal Warning - 1 FI
6/19/2015	15:28	Nothing Showing	
6/22/2015	9:35	By-Law Citation	1 written warning
6/22/2015	16:09	Adv/Complaint	Landscape crew working but not using blowers. All parties advised
6/24/2015	9:01	Nothing showing	Spoke to Mgmt, weed trimmer being used
6/24/2015	15:43	Assist Rendered	Company advised of Leaf Blower Bylaw
6/26/2015	10:29	Nothing showing	
6/29/2015	20:06	Adv/Complaint	Spoke to landscaping company, they were using a saw and do not have leaf blower with them, they were advised and are packing up for the night
6/30/2015	15:33	Adv/Complaint	Company advised of leaf blower by law.
7/2/2015	7:57	Nothing Showing	Nothing showing in surrounding areas
7/2/2015	9:23	Unfounded Call	Truck on scene, no leaf blower being used
7/2/2015	9:46	Unfounded Call	No Vehicles/Leaf Blowers in that area at all

7/2/2015	11:58	For the Record	Department Approved, Officer has info
7/6/2015	13:41	By-Law Citation	Issued a Town By-Law Violation w/ fine
7/9/2015	12:05	Adv/Complaint	Blower not in use and are aware of the By Law
7/14/2015	13:12	Nothing showing	No sign of leaf blowers, construction company power washing
7/16/2015	14:05	Checks out ok	No leaf blowers , using hedge clippers
7/17/2015	9:25	Adv/Complaint	Crew working there, did not witness them using blowers. They did admit to using electric blower. Advised.
7/17/2015	15:27	Gone on arrival	Spoke to caller, he was advised
7/20/2015	11:54	For the Record	Landscaper working for town, they are exempt. Done for day
7/24/2015	10:23	Adv/Complaint	Lanscaperadvised of Town By Law and will submit and Fi
7/24/2015	17:07	Adv/Complaint	Leaf Blowers in use. Could not ID Company
7/26/2015	12:03	Nothing showing	Checked the area
7/29/2015	8:44	By-Law Citation	Issued to management
7/29/2015	10:10	Verbal Warning	
7/30/2015	11:09	Nothing showing	Company working but not using any Leaf Blowers
8/5/2015	9:54	Nothing Showing	
8/5/2015	9:55	Nothing showing	
8/5/2015	11:37	Nothing showing	Checked the area
8/10/2015	13:19	By-Law Citation	By-Law citation
8/12/2015	10:06	Nothing showing	
8/13/2015	7:06	Adv/Complaint	Landscaper was advised
8/13/2015	11:04	Adv/Complaint	Landscaper was ID'd and advised of the town By Law. Their info will go to community service
8/13/2015	14:08	Adv/Complaint	They were cleaning up from the storm last week. They were advised
8/14/2015	10:42	Nothing showing	
8/15/2015	6:18	Adv/Complaint	Company was advised about the Town By Law
8/17/2015	8:59	Subjects FI'd	No leaf blowers on arrival, there was a gentleman carrying leaf blower back to his truck he was advised of the Town By Law

8/19/2015	14:27	Unit clear	Lawnmower being used no leaf blowers
8/20/2015	15:07	Adv/Complaint	Landscaper was advised, they did have a blower on briefly
8/24/2015	13:19	Gone on arrival	
8/25/2015	8:22	Subjects FI'd	Advised and FI'd
8/25/2014	8:43	Nothing showing	From South to the parkway
8/26/2015	10:36	Gone on arrival	Contractor had left. Witness saw them leave.
8/26/2015	13:29	Adv/Complaint	Landscaper advised
9/1/2015	14:58	Nothing showing	Checked Area, nothing showing
9/2/2015	11:24	Unit clear	Calling operations management
9/2/2015	11:41	X-Referenced	
9/3/2015	9:39	Adv/Complaint	
9/4/2015	13:33	By-Law Citation	Leaf Blowers were in use prior to arrival-warning citation issued
9/5/2015	11:55	By-Law Citation	Advised and given written warning, were unaware of regulations
9/7/2015	13:11	nothing showing	Nothing showing in area
9/8/2015	10:40	nothing showing	nothing showing in the area
9/11/2015	15:37	Adv/Complaint	Backpack equipment was on the lawn but not being used. Company was advised of the bylaw
9/14/2015	14:21	Assist Rendered	Party advised/thought they could be used this week. Equipment was in compliance
10/5/2015	14:11	By-Law Citation	Violation/1 FI, 1 parking citation issued, 1 Town By Law Citation issued
10/29/2015	16:08	X-Referenced	
10/30/2015	8:58	Unfounded Call	In compliance
10/30/2015	9:08	Checks out ok	Floor sanders. No landscapers/leafblowers operating in area
10/30/2015	10:10	Nothing Showing	
11/6/2015	11:38	Unfounded Call	Blowers are legal
11/9/2015	7:44	Nothing showing	DPW workers
11/9/2015	10:18	Assist Rendered	Advised, will be returning to vacuum

11/9/2015	13:14	Subjects FI'd	Advised and will go to DPW for a check
11/17/2015	12:16	In Compliance	All in accordance with by-law
11/18/2015	10:20	Released Call	Caller called back the work is done, cancel call
11/18/2015	11:56	Caller Satisfied	Spoke to caller, it checks out
11/18/2015	14:44	Citation Issued	Landscaper issued a citation
11/19/2015	7:39	In Compliance	Advised, in compliance
11/19/2015	7:55	Subjects FI'd	Company in compliance
11/19/2015	12:26	Subjects FI'd	Unable to read sticker they will make appointment with town
11/19/2015	13:13	Checks out ok	2nd caller complaining of loud decible level
11/20/2015	13:33	Has Sticker	Truck left scene
11/21/2015	7:40	Nothing showing	
11/24/2015	9:19	Adv/Complaint	Caller wanted a follow up report on a previous call
11/27/2015	7:33	Subjects FI'd	Leaf blower- Private Contractor was advised of by laws
11/27/2015	8:21	Unit Clear	Company identified- in compliance
11/27/2015	8:28	Transport Refused	Commercial leafblowing company- no leaf blower used at the time; advised of by-laws
12/1/2015	10:03	For the Record	2 machines, 1 not in compliance. Machine not in compliance shut off
12/3/2015	8:20	Subjects FI'd	Advised of town By-Law - no decal on any leaf blower. 1 FI and will pass on to CSD
12/7/2015	8:37	Checks out ok	Company in compliance and well aware of By-Laws; using back vac to collect leaves
12/16/2015	8:40	Subjects FI'd	Unfamiliar with law, advised; will take machines for inspection. Attempted to reach caller (No answer), Landscaper FI'd and advised
12/17/2015	10:22	Unit clear	No leaf blower in use - Not violator of FI prior; Notified landscaping company
12/18/2015	9:57	For the Record	Landscapers, have left area officer trying to locate and advise
12/18/2015	10:37	For the Record	Landscaper advised, machines in compliance, past date use allowed and advised of By-Laws
12/19/2015	10:33	Nothing showing	
12/22/2015	12:23	Nothing showing	Caller reported company left as she was calling
12/24/2015	12:02	Gone on arrival	

1/11/2016	10:43	Nothing Showing	
1/17/2016	8:48	Adv/Complaint	Roofing company advised, done for the day
1/22/2016	12:50	Adv/Complaint	Has been advised. First notification
3/8/2016	8:52	Subjects FI'd	Spoke to company; Unaware of TBL, advised and warned. FI to be entered
3/9/2016	15:33	Nothing Showing	
3/24/2016	11:54	Checks out ok	Spoke with landscaper-advised and will be terminating for the day. Not using leafblower, using chipper & mower. Caller advised
3/25/2016	12:21	Gone on arrival	No leafblower in use at this time
4/14/2016	13:28	Adv/Complaint	Displays manufacturer's 65DB tag. In compliance
4/15/2016	10:11	Gone on arrival	No landscape companies or any use of leaf blowers in area
5/16/2016	13:11	Gone on arrival	
5/19/2016	14:24	Nothing Showing	No noise on arrival
5/21/2016	13:38	Nothing Showing	Nobody using leafblowers at this time
5/23/2016	9:24	Subjects FI'd	Company spoken to and advised. Unaware of Town By-Law, don't normally work in Brookline. No record of prior warning or FI's. FI to be entered for foreman
5/23/2016	11:02	Checks out ok	Asphalt resurfacing at Dexter Park, possible source of noise. No landscapers or leaf blowers observed in area
5/23/2016	11:45	Subjects FI'd	Foreman advised by resident of By-Law prior to officer's arrival and put offending equipment away. Mistakenly thought leafblowers were allowed until end of May. Advised.
5/23/2016	15:55	For the Record	Nobody using leafblowers on arrival. Other equipment in use
5/24/2016	14:40	Subjects FI'd	Advised, FI'd
5/25/2016	14:12	Nothing Showing	Gated residence
5/25/2016	15:00	Gone on arrival	
5/27/2016	10:23	Unit Clear	Weed whackers being used
5/28/2016	8:09	Adv/Complaint	Company cutting the bushes, no leaf blowers in use. Advised of the 8:30am By-Law and company will wait
5/31/2016	12:48	Subjects FI'd	Leaving upon arrival. They were advised. FI