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AIR QUALITY



The Town of Glastonbury



INTRODUCTION

The Parks and Recreation Department was awarded a \$3,500 State grant which will be used to replace some older, highly polluting lawn and grounds maintenance equipment with new, lower emission machines.



Park Maintainer Paul Fagan runs a tractor-mounted leaf blower at the Hubbard Green.

REDUCING AIR POLLUTION

The **Lawn Equipment Exchange Fund (LEEF)** is financed by settlement funds related to an interstate air pollution claim that affected Connecticut. The State Department of Environmental Protection distributed funds to participating municipalities. The program goal is to reduce emissions of air pollutants that form smog and fine particles that form haze, because these pollutants impact public health and the environment. The program funds 80% of the cost of the new equipment, with the Town being responsible for 20%.

Glastonbury's grant will fund the purchase of the following equipment:

- ∞ 2 leaf blowers
- ∞ 1 hedge trimmer
- ∞ 2 string trimmers
- ∞ 1 power pruner
- ∞ 1 chain saw

Erin Zukis, Student Intern, operates a string trimmer in the town center.



The Parks and Recreation Department is the agency responsible for the care and maintenance of all Town parks, school grounds, open space areas and outdoor municipal facilities. The task requires the use of a lot of equipment that has small engines such as lawn mowers, leaf blowers, string trimmers, chainsaws, small tractors and the like. The machines are generally operating seven hours a day, Monday-Friday, and on weekends during the peak season.

According to Ray Purtell, Director of Parks and Recreation, "Every little bit helps. We take our responsibility of being good stewards of the environment seriously. The new equipment will reduce undesirable emissions, which is especially important during the summer months in the Connecticut River Valley."

GLASTONBURY'S GREEN INITIATIVES PROGRAM



Glastonbury's Green Initiatives program operates under the direction of the Town Manager. The committee is chaired by the Purchasing Agent and the Superintendent of Sanitation. Committee members from across Town departments participate and contribute ideas and suggestions committed to a "greener" community.

The committee assembles information about products and services and makes the information available to specific departments that can evaluate them and develop applications in Town projects with the approval of the Town Manager.

These "Go-Green" bulletins contain information about the results of product evaluations and other accomplishments of Town departments. We hope this information can provide you insight to the Town's green initiatives and also lead others in the community to find ways to use environmentally preferable products. Please contact us if we can help you with further information or if you have additional suggestions. ■

