

Regulating Gas Powered Small Engine Equipment

COMMENT SHEET

Discussion with Lawn and Property Maintenance Companies

Tuesday, November 24, 2009

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Leaside Memorial Community Gardens – Banquet Hall

1073 Millwood Road

Background

Lawson Oates, Director of the Toronto Environment Office, invites residents and members of the landscaping community to share their thoughts on potential measures, including regulatory options, to help reduce the harmful greenhouse gas emissions and smog-causing pollutants caused by small engine equipment, i.e. leaf blowers, chainsaws, lawnmowers, trimmers and concrete saws. Please take a few minutes to complete this comment sheet. All comments will be considered.

Section 1– General Questions

1. What types of gas powered small engine equipment does your company use?

2. How often do you use it? (please estimate the number of hours per month)

3 a). Approximately how old is your equipment and what is the expected service life?

3 b). Which pieces of equipment would you be able to replace most quickly and which would take longer?

4. Have you considered moving to manual, battery or electrically powered equipment?

Section 2: Regulating Small Engine Equipment

5. Should the City regulate small engine equipment and if so, how? If no, why not?

Section 3: Other Strategies

6. What other actions could the City and partners (i.e. retailers) do to advance the phase-out of older polluting equipment?

Section 4: Your best idea

7. What is the most effective thing the City could do to reduce the pollution from small engine equipment?
