

## What is a Leaf Blower?

A leaf blower is a gardening tool that propels air out of a nozzle to move yard debris such as leaves. Leaf blowers are usually powered by two-stroke engine or an electric motor, but four-stroke engines were recently introduced to partially address air pollution concerns. Leaf blowers are typically self-contained handheld units, or backpack mounted units with a handheld wand. The leaf blower was invented by Dom Quinto in 1950.



- From [wikipedia.org](https://www.wikipedia.org)

Leaf blowers range anywhere from \$50 for an electric model up to around \$450.00 for a commercial backpack style gas powered model – From [Google search on leaf blowers](#)

The Spooky Beavers have access to an NPS backpack mounted gas powered commercial leaf blower. It is used primarily to clear leaves and debris from bridges and boardwalks. We use conventional rakes to clear the trail itself as well as water diversion devices. These gas powered backpack commercial leaf blowers do a great job and can run for over an hour on a tank of gas. After using a gas powered backpack commercial leaf blower at Prince William Forest Park, it is a real let down to go home and have to use an inexpensive electric leaf blower and mess with the long cord.

Check back here often as we will be describing various tools that the Spooky Beavers utilize when doing trailwork in Prince William Forest Park, VA.