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An informed proposition to eliminate the **toils** of annual leaf extermination

Dearest Neighbor,

Out of great endearment for the condition of the neighborhood landscaping, I write to you to address a most pressing concern regarding the methods by which you dispose of your leaves. It has come to my attention, as **we** are nearing the end of autumn, that your primary disposal method is **embarrassingly counterintuitive** to the objectives of **our** neighborhood. With the majority of leaves fallen from **our shared** shrubbery, the annual objective is to exterminate all leaves to produce a clear grass field for the lawns of all. Over the past several weeks, I have observed several of your attempts to clean your property and after thorough consideration, I have determined a few fatal flaws in your current methods. I am writing this letter to offer suggestions for how you can make the process more efficient, based on your abilities.

Your most barbarous, ape-like, revolting methods bury others in piles of work and leaves.
As the leaves settle, crisp autumn breezes and blazing fast cars chaotically float them across the street onto my property and the properties of the populace. You and your family have taken the initiative to distribute your leaves throughout **our** neighborhood by blowing them in the road. It is not my duty to clean up after you, nor is it the responsibility of anyone else in the neighborhood.

Furthermore, wet leaves on the road are dangerous to drivers, who can skid and slide. They quickly become a detriment to the town's **uniformly immaculate, emerald lawns**. Leaves

also block storm drains resulting in intense flooding during extended rainfall. Your actions are inconsiderate for the well-being of everyone around you, and I wish to help you change that.

In removing your leaves, you are **atrociously** inefficient. Your leaf blower burns gas, which is deeply harmful to our atmosphere. Despite this, **it takes you hours to play with your leaves as a child does with their food, yet absolutely nothing is done.** Half of the leaves land back on your lawn, **and the rest are a plague to our community.** My novel method can eliminate this inefficiency and give you more time to **loungue on your couch like the vegetable you are.**

Your leaves have no logical foothold in our neighborhood, or anywhere for that matter. **As an esteemed HOA member, I have formed many connections based around annual leaf extermination and can confirm that people with processes like yours shall never be allowed to persist.** Rather than resorting to the **defacement of nearby properties,** I propose to do with the leaves what needs to be done.

There are few places for leaves to go after they are removed from the lawn; they could go out into the street **(\$%#@#&!)**, into bags, or into the *abyss*. **We** have already established the faulty logic behind blowing leaves behind the street; that is now out of the question. **Bagging of leaves, on the other hand, takes endless amounts of time and effort. Why waste all that time when you could be watching Sunday Night Football?**

Instead, this **leafs leaves** you with only one choice, addressing the **root of the problem:** the trees. After consulting with numerous scientists, I have come to the advanced understanding that trees cannot survive without leaves. **Therefore, so long as there are trees, there are leaves. Following that line of logic, if there are no trees, there are no leaves. Thus, removing the trees eliminates the leaf problem.** There are several methods by which one can remove a tree. Most popularly this would involve a traditional “cut and remove” process, but **following in-depth conversation with experts, it is clear that this process is too expensive to**

outsource and laborious for someone with a work ethic like yours. This method is now out of consideration.

The only remaining option is my proposed method. Under the guidance of this method, leaves shall never return to your lawn again. Gone. Forever. Additionally, this method is easy to carry out. No leaf blowers or other expensive equipment are required. Only a lighter and a few drops of gasoline are needed. On a dry, summer's day, an especially motivated worker could even circumvent all fuel expenses. The process follows a few simple steps:

1. Portion a tiny amount of fuel from the supply for your lawn mower or other power equipment.
2. Locate all the trees on your lot.
3. Release a few drops of gasoline at the base of each tree. It is crucial to use the least amount of fuel possible to prevent too much carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere, and to save a few bucks. Trees with larger diameters will generally require more accelerant.
4. Grab a lighter. Light each tree at the base.
5. Sit down and watch all your problems wither away.

This method may seem extreme to some, but there is a clear benefit to you, the community, and the environment by making this decision.

First and foremost, it solves the communal dilemma involving leaves. Without the tree, there are no leaves, and without leaves, there will be no more annual nuisance. Now, there will be some ashes left behind. However, this will not be an issue at all. You could bag them, but once again, that is just too difficult and labor-intensive. Instead, they are small enough that the wind could easily carry them away. Ashes are organic matter, and therefore they must be beneficial to the soil. They spice up the appearance of the lawn by fertilizing the grass, making their spread desirable – a stark contrast to the terrorizing nature of the leaves. Don't forget to consider the

fossil fuels that will go unburned as a result of this process. Think about how much gas is burned by leaf blowers or tree removal services. This has a substantial impact on our environment! Directly applying a small portion of gasoline or diesel to your trees will undoubtedly consume less fuel. By taking up this novel strategy, you will single-handedly save the planet from the damaging effect of tree management while barely lifting a finger!

Second, once burnt down, you will never have to tend to your littered lawn again. Once that tree erupts in blazing flame, branches crashing down and leaves withering down to a crisp, the sharp smell of the smoke, turbulently bellowing down your lungs, should remind you that you will never have to waste another moment of your life blowing that disgusting natural matter into the road. Imagine how many Netflix shows you could binge with this saved time!

Lastly, this method is incredibly cost effective. At a national average of \$3.25 per gallon of gas, you may only need to spend \$1.50 per tree removal. With most tree removal services costing upwards of \$500 per tree, this method will save a dramatic amount of money. You may not even need to buy the gas if you already have some allotted for your now-useless leaf blower or for your lawn mower. Others, unaware of this process, will be in search of traditional leaf removal tools with the arrival of autumn—which you can happily provide for a handsome profit. Not only is this method a wonderful time saver but it is also an excellent financial decision.

It is in our mutual best interest that you consider this approach to eliminate your most ponderous challenge: cleaning up your leaves. Following my advice, you will save money, time, and maybe even the planet. Maybe next time, you will consider others before you choose the easy solution.

Optimistically,

Your Neighbor

P.S. Did you get my email about your lawn-mowing habits?