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About the Author



For eight years prior to his retirement, Mr. Larry Will, BSME, PE was Vice President of Engineering at ECHO Inc., Lake Zurich, IL, a leading manufacturer of gasoline powered lawn care products. In this capacity, he managed the development of the first “Quiet” leaf blower that reduced leaf blower sound by 75%.

As a member of the Hand Held Products Committee for the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI), Arlington, VA, he was instrumental in creating an informational pamphlet and electronic media that was published by OPEI entitled “[Leaf Blowers, A Guide to Safe and Courteous Use](#)”. He also wrote the ECHO leaf blower training manual.

Following his retirement from ECHO, Mr. Will has addressed leaf blower concerns throughout the United States and Canada as an unsolicited consultant to more than 180 cities and state legislative bodies. He shares his experience wherever a city is addressing leaf blower issues.

As a leaf blower expert in design, manufacture, application and use, Will is in a unique position to supply up-to-date and accurate data and facts. He has been interviewed for many articles written by several leading news organizations including The Atlantic, New Yorker, Guardian, Miami Herald and on camera for CBS News Sunday Morning. Mr. Will was also called upon to make a presentation before the National Academy of Engineering in Washington DC, because he is the only nationally known expert totally familiar with the leaf blower issues of sound and environmental impact.

Mr. Will is always available at no charge to answer questions by phone or email. Contact information can be found at his website: <http://leafblownoise.com>