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Abe,

Recreation has 2 push type blowers, and 3 backpack blowers. The backpack blowers are used at the recreation facilities (not the facilities cut by the contractor) weekly after grass cutting and/or weed cutting and trimming. The blowers are only on for a short period to clear the sidewalks and playground areas after cutting and trimming. The push type are primarily used in the fall during leaf season at the recreation facilities. They are not used before 8:00 am.

The contractor does use push type blowers and back pack blowers during cutting and trimming operations at the recreation facilities and islands covered under the contract. The contract states that they are not to begin work prior to 7:00am.

DPW has 2 push type, 2 backpack, and 1 handheld blowers. The push type are only used during leaf season. The backpacks and handheld are used daily during the summer by the summer help employees after cutting and trimming operations. Again, they are not used before 8:00am, and are only used for a short period of time after cutting and trimming.

The push type blowers which are usually 8 HP or greater with a large impeller type blower attached are the noisiest. The backpack, handheld, and weed whackers are relatively quiet compared to the push type blowers.

Let me know if you need any additional information.

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