

# Leaf Blowers

## At a glance...

### Training (with Assessment) Competence with Modules

**Duration Notes:** The expected duration for the course is one day, however please note this may vary according to factors such as level of experience, modules or attachments selected, or the ratio of instructors to learners.

**Delivery Method:** Classroom and practical assessment

## Introduction

This one-day leaf blower course is suitable for you if you have a combi tool, a back pack blower or a dedicated machine.

## Overview in brief

The leaf blower is the go-to machine for many working in horticulture, arboriculture, and forestry.

Our course will teach you the skills to operate a leaf blower safely and efficiently.

You'll also learn about maintenance specific to a blower, to help keep the machine in tip-top condition.

## The finer details

This is an integrated training and assessment course.

You'll learn to use the leaf blower safely and with confidence.

Understanding all the relevant regulation and safety requirements is key. You'll be taught the need for the correct protective clothing and how best to maintain a safe working environment.



A certificate of competence will be awarded once you complete the course.



Course sessions:

- Prepare for blower operations
- Additional maintenance of a leaf blower
- Operating the blower
- Battery operated machines
- Clearing the site and machine checks.

### Who should attend?

Our one-day course is for anyone employed in the agriculture, horticulture, landscaping, and grounds maintenance industry that currently operates, or will be required to operate a battery or petrol powered leaf blower.

This course is physical so you must be fit and able to carry out the tasks required in the course programme.

### What will be covered?

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- produce a site-specific risk assessment for blower operations
- identify the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required
- identify the health and safety features required on a blower
- identify defects on a blower and decide which the operator can remedy and which require a service engineer's attention
- correctly carry out all routine maintenance in accordance with the machine manufacturer's information and/or this workbook
- prepare the blower for use with the correct fuel/oil mix
- start the blower from both hot and cold start in a safe manner
- state the possible hazards/risks when carrying out maintenance or operational tasks
- maintain the blower in a safe and efficient working condition
- adjust the blower for safe and comfortable operation where a harness is used
- operate the blower in a safe manner, having regard for the safety of the public, property and environmental factors
- Organise the site and use a systematic method of working where possible.

