

Fall cleanup machine eats tons of leaves

Autumn leaves. A few weeks of breathtaking color, and then days of back-breaking work. For many homeowners, fall cleanup is the most dreaded chore of the year.

Most communities have banned the burning of leaves as a health and safety hazard. Even where pickup service is provided, bagging and hauling several tons of leaves out to the end of the driveway is no way to spend an autumn weekend.

Now, just in time for fall, a New England-based manufacturer has come up with a solution to the yearly deluge of leaves.

The Vornado Leaf Eater® is a "yardener's" delight. Powered by household current (there is also a gas model), the Leaf Eater gobbles up tons of leaves—wet or dry—as fast as you can load them into the bushel-sized hopper.

Custom shredding

Adjustable from coarse to fine, the machine custom shreds leaves, grass clippings, thatch, light trimmings and even paper.

Waste can be shredded for convenient disposal or for use as garden mulch and compost.

Both gas and electric models are designed to operate on top of a trash container with a bag inserted, or on available legs.

One hundred bags of leaves an hour poses no problem for the Leaf Eater, and it will reduce eight 30 gallon bags of unshredded leaves to just one, tidy bundle.

The Leaf Eater® shreds leaves and other garden refuse quickly and efficiently using flexible cutting lines like a string trimmer.

The sturdy lines are long lasting, but easily changed when necessary. Extra line is included. A dependable American-made electric or gas engine supplies the power.

Lightweight and portable

Rugged and built to last, Vornado's new Leaf Eater is lightweight and easily portable to go where the job is. This fall, and for next spring's cleanup, too, the Leaf Eater promises to save homeowners many hours of time and eliminate a lot of aching backs.

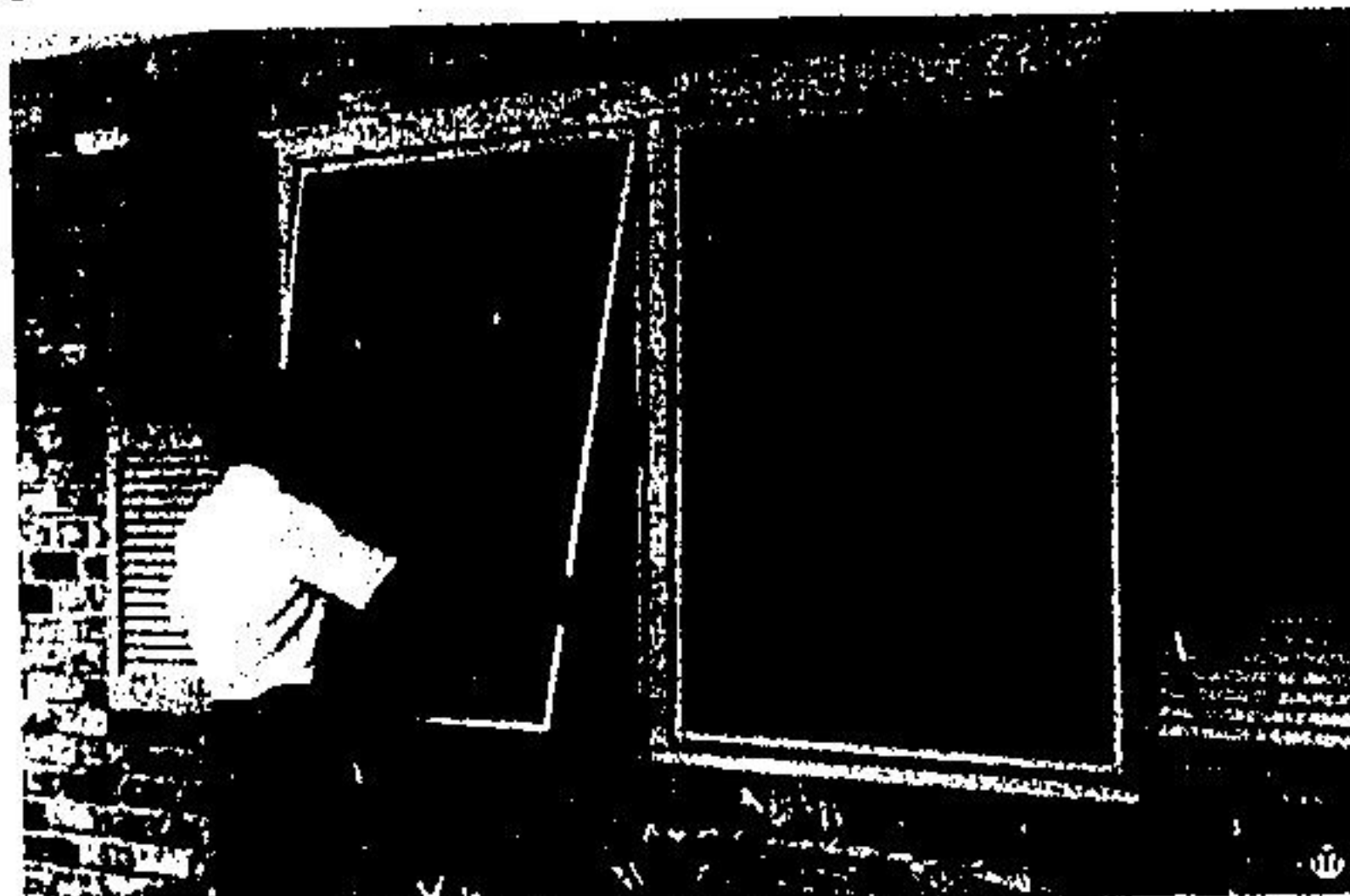
The Vornado Leaf Eater is available from local chain retailers and independent dealers who sell and service outdoor power equipment.

For the name of a dealer near you, write to Vornado Power Products, 2 Main Street, Melrose, MA 02176.



DISPOSING OF FALLEN LEAVES need not be strenuous or costly. This Vornado Leaf Eater® "custom shreds" leaves—wet or dry—as fast as they can be loaded into the bushel-sized hopper. Shreds eight bags of unshredded leaves down to just one tidy bundle for simple, clean disposal, or for use as garden mulch.

Solar screens function as year-round energy savers



SOLAR SCREENS can make even storm windows more energy-efficient, and help reduce fading and glare year-round. They can be easily installed on any type or size of window, too.

Thousands of homeowners install storm windows each year. If you are planning on investing in storm windows, or if you already have them, here's a tip on how to make them save energy all year long.

Instead of conventional insect screens that usually come on storm windows and cover only the bottom window, look for storm windows that are available with full length SunScreen® (U.S. Patent No. 4,002,188) solar screens.

When used in place of regular insect screening, SunScreen can block up to 70 percent of the sun's heat.

The result is a window that will help keep your heat inside during the winter months and the sun's heat outside in the summer.

If full solar radiation is desirable on some windows (south facing ones, for example), the solar screens can be removed and stored during the winter months.

Many homeowners fail to realize exactly how storm windows work. Storm windows do a great job of controlling heat and cold that are transferred by conduction and convection.

But there is a third type of heat trans-

fer that is very important in heating and cooling—radiation.

And, almost all of the sun's radiated heat (or sun rays) pass right through the layers of glass and air that make up most storm windows.

Once these sun rays enter the window, they are absorbed and re-radiated within that home as heat.

That's why carpets, furnishings and even glass surfaces exposed to direct sun rays become quite hot even when it's freezing cold outside. Imagine how this radiated heat can add to your cooling costs in the summertime.

This is where SunScreen can make a big improvement on the summer efficiency of storm windows. Since the screens are installed on the outside of the glass, they stop a large portion (up to 70 percent) of these sun rays before they enter the window.

Heat that never enters your home is heat that your air conditioner never has to remove. SunScreen solar screens are a lot like putting your windows under a large shade tree, except that the screens stay in place all day long to keep the heat from the window surface.

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