Leaf Blowers

At a glance…

Training (with Assessment) Competence

Duration Notes:	The expected duration for the course is one day. However, this may vary according to your level of experience, the certificate options selected, or the ratio of instructors to Learners.
Delivery Method:	Classroom and practical

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.

Successfully complete it and you'll receive a certificate of competence.



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.

Course sessions:

• Prepare for blower operations

• Additional maintenance of a leaf blower

• Operating the blower

• Battery operated machines

• Clearing the site and machine checks.

Certificate options for this course include battery powered only, liquid fuel powered only or both battery and liquid fuel powered.

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.

If you are inexperienced, then you may require longer than the stated guide times to fully understand the information and training provided.

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 necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required
- Identify the health and safety features fitted to 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 Operating Manual (MOM)

- Prepare the blower for use with the correct fuel/oil mix or battery power
- Start the blower from both hot and cold start in a safe manner
- 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.