



PUBLIC NOTICE

Gas Powered Leaf Blowers

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Los Angeles Municipal (LAMC) Section 112. 04 (c) bans the use of the gas powered leaf blower devices. This ordinance has been in effect since February 1998.

"No gas powered blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at anytime. Both the user of such a blower as well as the individual who contracted for the services of the user if any, shall be subject to the requirements of and penalty provisions for this ordinance. Violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be punishable as an infraction in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars(\$100)."

This section does not preclude anyone from using other devices such as a gas powered vacuum device, operating at a sound level not to exceed 45dB, or an electric leaf blower.

After receiving a complaint about the use of an illegal leaf blower, the city will issue a written warning to the property owner. If their gardener continues to use the illegal gas blower, a citation will be issued to the operator of the gas-powered leaf blower and the property owner who allows him to use it. Both can receive a fine of up to \$100.00 each. Additional penalty assessments can be added.

The Los Angeles Police Department and the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division have primary enforcement responsibility for this Ordinance. Community members may register complaints at 1-800-996-CITY (Leaf blower Complaint Line) or fill out a complaint form online at <http://bss.lacity.org/request.htm>.

Note* Gas powered leaf blowers increase the presence of airborne particles, which may cause problems for persons suffering from asthma, hay fever, or other upper respiratory ailments.

Thank you for your attention to this ordinance. If you have further questions please contact my Field Deputy Mary Rodriguez, 818-766-7187 or mary.d.rodriguez@lacity.org

Sincerely,

TOM LABONGE

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