

MODEL LEAF BLOWER ORDINANCE

1. No person shall operate any leaf blower which does not bear an affixed manufacturer's label indicating the model number of the leaf blower and designating a noise level not in excess of sixty-five dBA when measured from a distance of fifty feet utilizing American National Standard Institute B175.2 methodology. Any leaf blower which bears such a manufacturer's label shall be presumed to comply with any noise level limit of this chapter provided that it is operated with all mufflers and full extension tubes supplied by the manufacturer for that leaf blower. No person shall operate any leaf blower without attachment of all mufflers, full extension tubes, shrouds and sound attenuating devices supplied by the manufacturer for that leaf blower.
2. No person shall operate any leaf blowers within a residential zone except during the following hours: 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Saturday. No person shall operate any leaf blower within any non-residential zone except during the following hours: 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Saturday. No person shall operate any leaf blowers on Sundays and holidays.
3. Any persons operating leaf blowers for remuneration are required to successfully complete at least once every three years, training approved by the Police Department on how to operate a leaf blower in a manner designed to minimize the generation of fugitive dust emissions. Persons required to be trained under this subsection shall complete the initial training no later than (date).
4. Commercial operators of leaf blowers are prohibited from operating any leaf blower within the city if they do not prominently display a certificate of operator qualification approved by the Chief of Police verifying that the operator has been trained to operate leaf blowers according to standards adopted by the Chief of Police.
5. In addition to all authorizations and restrictions otherwise provided in this chapter, public streets, sidewalks, and parking lots in business districts and at Municipal Golf Courses and all city parks may be cleaned between 4:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. using leaf blowers which bear an affixed manufacturer's label indicating the model number of the leaf blower and designating a noise level not in excess of sixty-five dB(A) when measured from a distance of fifty feet utilizing American National Standard Institute methodology.
6. After (date), no person shall use a leaf blower to move landscape debris into public roadways.
7. After (date), no person shall operate a leaf blower on unstable ground. Leaf blowers may be used on surfaces that have been stabilized with asphalt or cement concrete, hardscape, penetration treatment of bituminous material or seal coat of bituminous binder, a mineral aggregate gravel cover, decorative rock, decomposed granite cover, crushed granite cover, aggregate cover, grass, other continuous vegetative cover or any combination thereof.

8. No person shall use a leaf blower that was build before January 1, 2005 for EPA class 4 engines and January 1, 2007 for EPA Class 5 engines in order to ensure they are at their lowest possible emission level per the federally mandated “Small Off Road Engine, Tier 2 Emission Standard