

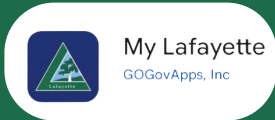
THE NEW LAW

Starting July 1, 2024, operating gas leaf blowers will no longer be allowed in Lafayette. Property owners and homeowners are responsible for all violations where gas leaf blowers are used on their property.

Electric leaf blowers are still allowed and only from 7am to 10pm.

ENFORCEMENT

Report a concern of violation to Code Enforcement via the MyLafayette app



or complete an online Code Enforcement Request form:



You may also call (925) 299-3279 or email CodeEnforcement@lovelafayette.org.

Property owners are subject to citations which start at \$100 for the first violation.

RESOURCES

Since January 2024, the State of California has banned the sale of gas-powered leaf blowers. Lafayette's new law also bans the use of gas-powered leaf blowers within our community. You can purchase an electric leaf blower at many local hardware stores and landscaping equipment providers. There are handheld and backpack styles and models that have batteries that can last 2-4 hours.

Visit the City of Lafayette's website for more information and resources.



A quieter and healthier Lafayette

NEW LEAF BLOWER LAW

Starting July 1, 2024

www.LoveLafayette.org/leaf-blowers

HARMS OF GAS LEAF BLOWERS

- Noise pollution and hearing loss
- Cancer-causing toxic gases (formaldehyde, benzene, smog, ozone)
- Particulate pollution causing asthma and cardiovascular disease
- Destruction of soils and disruption to biodiversity and wildlife



WE BREATHE WHAT THEY BLOW:

Blowers stir up dirt, concrete dust, pollen, animal feces, pesticides, fungi/molds, bacterial spores

BENEFITS OF SWITCHING

- A QUIETER Lafayette!
- Cleaner air quality
- Healthier landscapers, healthier community
- Electric equipment is easier to maintain
- Less pollution
- Healthier soils



HOW CAN I HELP?

- Help educate your neighbors and local landscapers to make them aware!
- Ask your landscaper to make the switch now to electric leaf blowers, vacuums or rakes / push brooms / leaf sweepers.
- Relax your aesthetic expectations. Prioritize pathways and storm drains you want cleared. Negotiate with your landscaper how much time vs. how clean you want your property (“do your best to get most of the leaves, maybe not all of the leaves”).
- Leaves are a great natural mulch, so consider leaving the leaves in your garden and under shrubs. Otherwise, make sure leaves go into your green bin with your organics and food waste!



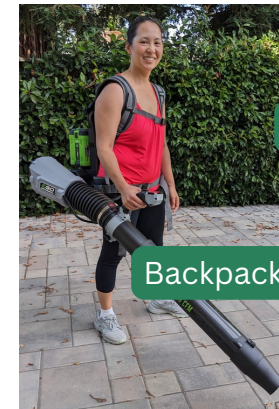
- Provide electric equipment, an electric outlet, or a charged battery for your landscaper to use/access when working on your property.



- Replace your lawn and apply for a lawn conversion rebate with EBMUD here:



LAFAYETTE'S LENDING PROGRAM



Handheld and commercial backpack battery leaf blowers are available to Lafayette residents at the Lafayette Community Center to check out for two weeks.

Try one or let your landscaper try one out for FREE!

For more info:

