

Code Enforcement Association Survey

QUESTIONS	CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH	LEAF BLOWER BAN CITY OF MALIBU	CITY OF LOS GATOS	CITY OF SANTA MONICA	CITY OF BURBANK	CITY OF DEL MAR	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	CITY OF BEVERLY HILLS	CITY OF MALIBU
<i>What is banned?</i>	Gasoline/Electric (residential/commercial)	Gasoline (residential/commercial)	All Gasoline and 65 decibels or more Electric (residential/commercial)	Gasoline, Electric and Battery Operated (residential/commercial)	Gasoline, Electric and Battery (residential/commercial) if exceeds 20 decibels	Gasoline/Electric (residential/commercial)	Gasoline (residential only)	Gasoline (residential/commercial)	Gasoline (residential/commercial)
<i>1) Do you have any data or estimates related to how much more cost would be imposed upon the typical single family resident from their gardener if they were required to broom sweep instead of leaf-blow debris for their yards?</i>	No research was conducted to estimate the cost.	No research was conducted to estimate the cost.	No research was conducted to estimate the cost.	No research was conducted to estimate the cost.	N/A	The City of Del Mar adopted this ban in the 1980's, the research as to increased cost to broom sweep (if any was conducted at the time) is not available.	N/A	N/A	We did not study the cost however, we do allow use of electric leaf blowers as a replacement to the gasoline ones.
<i>2)Are you aware of any significant increases in costs due to the city ban?</i>	None observed.	No.	The Town purchased multiple compliant leaf blowers (electric backpack style at \$1000.00 each)	Yes the need to increase Code Enforcement personnel to meet the amount of reported violations the City has received. Yes. The Code Enforcement Division has experienced an increased number of inbound calls since becoming the enforcement agency overseeing the leaf blower ban.3,097 Leaf blower cases logged from Nov 2011-Sept. 2016. 458 Leaf blower Citations issued 11/2012-9/2016. 2,044 Government Outreach Leaf Blower requests beginning 2010. In 2015 Code Enforcement received 3,474 citizen complaints; 1,271 of those complaints were leaf blower complaints.	N/A	UKN	UKN	UKN	With the Malibu population we don't go after the home owners since the majority of them have gardeners.
<i>3)Has this caused a significant increase in Code Enforcement calls/cases for your city?</i>	No, the community gladly complied and seemed to be happy with ban due to the fact that the ban will benefit the environment.	No.	85% of calls are regarding gas powered leaf blowers. The Town is two years into the ban. Note: loss Gatos has a population of 31,000.	The ban was adopted in 1991, not sure what kind of outreach was conducted then. It was updated in 2010. Our City established a website page to explain why leaf blowers are banned, the ordinance requirements, and to whom to report violations. We also included a flyer inside the City's newsletter that is mailed to all residents. We also created tip cards and door hangers. The cost in 2010 was approximately \$7,500 for the design, printing, and mailing of the flyer and the tip cards. The door hangers were recently created and cost about \$400 for design and printing. We issued a press release that was picked up by the local newspaper.	N/A	The majority of violations within the Code Enforcement Department arise from violating this ordinance.	N/A	N/A	Not necessarily. When we get reports, which is rare, we send the home owner a letter with the code banning gas blowers, most of the issues here we do get are in relationship to noise. The electric ones are still noisy as well.
<i>4)Were you required to provide a significant amount of outreach to the community when the ban was established? If yes, what was your outreach strategy and cost?</i>	Very little outreach to the community was needed for this ban. The officers began giving out warnings to any homeowners that were employing gardeners who used leaf blowers, making them aware of the new ban. Homeowners easily complied, very little citations were issued, a warning seemed to suffice.	The ban was posted on their website, flyers were passed out to the residences and gardener's, it was also published in the Malibu Times.	A color postcard was sent to each property in the Town. Six months later leaflets were handed out to the landscapers who were not complying with the ban, the City provided leaflets in English and Spanish.	The biggest challenge Code Enforcement faces is that we receive a very high volume of citizen complaints, and have a very small window of opportunity to observe an actual violation in progress.	N/A	Even though this ban has been in place since the 1980's, the city still continues their outreach program, which consists of quarterly inserts in their water bills and leaf blower ban cards that are handed out in the field.	N/A	N/A	We did post it on our web site, pass flyers out to residences and gardener's and placed it in the Malibu Times. We also play it at certain meeting and community events.
<i>5)Can you provide me a link to your ordinance?</i>	http://www.hermosabch.org/index.aspx?page=404 The only issue that Justin has noticed is that this ban has resulted in gardeners looking for other ways to clean up and sometimes results in using water to wash away the debris, which results in water waste and is also a violation of the	http://qcode.us/codes/malibu/?cite=8.24.050	https://www.municode.com/library/ca/los_gatos/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CO_CH16NO	http://www.qcode.us/codes/santamonica/view.php?topic=4-4_08-4_08_270&highlightWords=leafblowers&frames=on	see sheet 2 for City of Burbank Noise Ordinance.	http://www.delmar.ca.us/447/Leaf-Blowers-Prohibited	N/A	N/A	-
<i>6)Have you had any problems or concerns with enforcement of the ban?</i>		None.	This ordinance has consumed a lot of time. However, this is mainly due to the Town having a population of 31,000 and only one Code Officer.		N/A	UKN	UKN	UKN	None.
<i>7) Other ways to restrict the use of Leaf Blowers.</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Leaf Blowers were added to the City's noise ordinance list as a subcategory.	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

City	Ban all leaf blowers	Ban all gasoline-powered leaf blowers	Ban all leaf blowers during certain times of day	Ban all leaf blowers above a certain decibel level
Alameda County			•	
Belvedere		•		
Berkeley		•		
Beverly Hills		•		
Calexico			•	
Carmel		•		
Claremont		•		
Costa Mesa			•	
Culver City			•	
Cypress*		•		
Dana Point*		•		
Davis				•
Del Mar	•			
Foster			•	
Fountain Valley*		•		
Hermosa Beach	•			
Huntington Beach			•	
Indian Wells		•		
Indio			•	
Irvine*		•		
La Palma			•	
Laguna Beach	•			
Lawndale		•		
Loma Linda			•	
Lomita			•	
Long Beach			•	
Los Altos		•		
Los Angeles		•		
Malibu		•		
Manhattan Beach	•			
Manteca			•	
Menlo Park			•	
Mill Valley	•			

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Ojai		•		
Orange			•	
Orinda*		•		
Palo Alto		•		
Pasadena			•	
Perris			•	
Piedmont		•		
Richmond			•	
Rohnert Park			•	
Rolling Hills Estates*		•		
Sacramento			•	
San Anselmo			•	
San Diego			•	
Santa Barbara		•		
Santa Monica	•			
Saratoga*		•		
Solana*		•		
Sunnyvale			•	
Tiburon		•		
Tustin*		•		
West Hollywood		•		
Westminster*		•		
Totals:	6	26	22	1