

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for your efforts toward enforcing the ban on gas-powered leaf blowers in Los Angeles. These blowers are terrible for people, animals, the environment, air quality, and are literally just pushing the homeowner's dirt into other people's yards, cars and houses. It's even worse in warm weather when our windows and doors are open - especially for people with compromised health conditions. I agree that low-wage landscape workers should NOT be penalized for switching to electric blowers, if they must use blowers. I BELIEVE THE HOMEOWNERS SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THEIR OWN HOUSE/YARD WITH A FULLY CHARGED ELECTRIC BLOWER for their landscaper to use. They can afford the cost. Better still, switch to rake & broom and pay the gardeners more so they don't have to do so many yards in one day. Better for all, including gardeners' health. If the burden to comply with the law falls on the homeowner it would be easy to issue a warning, then a ticket to anyone not complying. City employees (or deputized volunteers?) could drive around neighborhoods putting warnings in homeowners mailboxes or doors when they see a gas blower being used. It's obvious as these blowers are extremely loud and messy. The offending addresses could go in a database and the next time they are found illegally using a gas blower on their property they should be issued a fine. It would be a good and just way for the city to make money. People will only follow the law if it costs them not to.