

Leaf Blower Operations

General Information

The use of gas leaf blowers is prohibited [except when operated by City contractors for the term of contracts existing on September 7, 2021]. For more information, resources and rules associated with gas leaf blowers, please visit San Clemente Municipal Code [ordinance](#) Tile 8, Chapter 8.50.

The City of San Clemente has adopted a local ordinance to establish regulations to establish leaf blower standards that reduce noise levels and exhaust of greenhouse gas emissions with the intent to improve quality of life and protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public and natural environment.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the operation of leaf blowers in the City of San Clemente, please contact Brett Pollard, Senior Code Compliance Officer, at (949) 361-6177 or pollardb@san-clemente.org. To submit a complaint about the use of leaf blowers in the City, please call (949) 366-4705 or visit www.san-clemente.org/complaints to submit a complaint online. To report an emergency related to the operation of a leaf blower, please contact San Clemente Police Services at 911 or their non-emergency dispatch line at (949) 770-6011.

Permitted Use of Electric Leaf Blowers

Electric leaf blowers may be used in compliance with the following:

- Sound Rating Certification. Leaf blower models shall be used that are category 1 rated by American National Standards Institute ("ANSI") or an outside laboratory (e.g., Underwriters Laboratory) that confirm manufacturers of leaf blower models produce a maximum sound rating of 65 dB(A) measured 50 feet from the noise source (ANSI standard B175.2).
- Operating Hours. Leaf blowers may be operated Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and Saturday, Sunday, and City-recognized holidays between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Outside these time periods, leaf blowers must comply with noise restrictions in Municipal Code Chapter 8.48, [Noise Control](#).
- Dust and Debris Control. No person shall use a leaf blower to deposit dirt, dust, leaves, grass clippings, trimmings, green waste, solid waste, or other debris onto a neighboring property or into a street, sidewalk, gutter, or storm drain.
- Required Use of Mufflers and Blower Tubes. Leaf blowers shall be operated with the attachment of mufflers and full extension blower tubes supplied by the leaf blower manufacturer.

Information required on commercial operated electric leaf blowers.

To facilitate enforcement of this chapter, commercial operators shall affix or write business information on leaf blowers operated in the City of San Clemente. The information shall include the operator's: 1) business name, 2) address, 3) telephone number, and 4) City-issued business license number.