

Leaf Blower Neighboring Jurisdiction Survey

Jurisdiction	Noise Standards and Regulations	Hours of Operation	Outreach
Palo Alto (Chapter 9.10)	1. Gas blowers (internal combustion engines) prohibited in all residential zones 2. Gas and Electric Leaf Blowers 65 dBA or less measured 50 feet from the source (American National Standard Institute methodology) allowed in all other zones.	Weekdays: Residential: 9am-5pm Other: 8am-6pm Saturday: 10am-4pm Sundays and Holidays: Prohibited	Conducted two public forum meetings prior to adoptions: first meeting with garderners and landscapers, second meeting for residents and business owners. Citywide flyer went out after ordinance adoption. FAQ page and flyer on website
Sunnyvale (Chapter 19.42.030)	1. Gas and Electric Leaf Blowers 65 dBA or lower at 50 feet 2. Also applies to use of leaf blowers on non-residential properties adjacent to residential properties	Everyday: 8am-8pm	N/A
Los Altos (Chapter 6.16)	1. Gasoline-powered leaf blowers prohibited. 2. Electric leaf blower sound levels limited by zoning district from 45 dBA in R1 zoning districts to 60 dBA in Commercial zoning districts for receiving property line.	Everyday: 9am-5pm	N/A
Saratoga (Article 7-30)	1. Leaf Blowers 65 dBA or less at a distance of 50 feet 2. Use of any leaf blower other than a certified leaf blower, as defined in the Code, is prohibited (citywide).	Weekdays: 8am-5pm Saturdays: 10am-5pm Sundays: Prohibited	One citywide postcard mailed out to all residents shortly after ordinance was passed. Leaf blower regulation ordinance translated into five languages. Contacted Garden Center in Los Gatos. Notifications to all landscape/ gardening businesses within Saratoga in collaboration with Finance Dept. Median signs FAQ page on website
Los Gatos (Chapter 16.20.060)	1. Gas blowers prohibited from all residential, commercial, and industrial zones or public space 2. Electric Leaf Blowers 65 dBA or less measured 50 feet from the source allowed	Weekdays: 8am-5pm Saturday: 9am-4pm Sundays and Holidays: Prohibited	Normal code change Flyer in July, six months to compliance Another went out in November, five months after adoption FAQ page on website
Cupertino (PROPOSED)	1. Gas blowers (internal combustion engines) prohibited in all residential zones 2. Gas and Electric Leaf Blowers 65 dBA or less measured 50 feet from the source (American National Standard Institute methodology) allowed in all other zones.	Weekdays: 8am-8pm Saturday: 9am-6pm Sundays and Holidays: 9am-6pm	Postcards after adoption of ordinance mailed out to all residents and businesses shortly after ordinance passed. Contact Summerwinds and Yamagami Nursery in Cupertino and Home Depot on Bollinger. Notification to all landscape/ gardening businesses within Cupertino in collaboration with Finance Dept. Cupertino Scene - two articles closer to effective date (October 2021 and 2022) Signage across Stevens Creek Blvd in collaboration with Public Works (Maybe) FAQ page on website