

Leaf Blower Ban Implementation Update

**City of South Pasadena
December 5, 2024**

Background

- Prohibits the use of gas-powered leaf blowers at any time for any purpose (except emergency use)
- Holds the property owner or tenant, whichever individual is responsible for using or authorizing the operation of the gas-powered leaf blower, responsible for the violation

WHY BAN GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS?



TOXIC POLLUTANTS

Gas-powered leaf blowers are known to cause health issues including dizziness, asthma attacks, headaches, and heart and lung disease for both operators and bystanders.



NOISE

The powerful noise when operating gas-powered leaf blowers causes hearing loss and diminishes the quality of life in the City.



GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Gas-powered leaf blowers emit carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, contribute to air pollution and climate change.

Education & Outreach

- ✓ A webpage dedicated to the leaf blower ordinance with resources/FAQs

SouthPasadenaCA.gov/LeafBlowers

- ✓ Direct Mailers and Bill Inserts
- ✓ Community Events

City of SOUTH PASADENA

ELECTRIFY YOUR LAWN

No Gas South Pas

The City of South Pasadena has banned gas-powered leaf blowers!
Learn more about [electric](#) landscaping equipment on [SouthPasadenaCA.gov/LeafBlowers](#)

Free Admission
Free Raffle
Food & Giveaways
Rain or Shine

Saturday, November 6 at Garfield Park

10 AM - 12 PM

SOUTHPASADENACA.GOV/LEAFBLOWERS

AGZA **Southern San Gabriel Valley Multiple Water District**

THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA

Ban on Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

PRSR STD ECRWSS U.S. POSTAGE PAID EDDM Retail LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

The City of South Pasadena has prohibited the use of gas-powered leaf blowers in the City.

No Gas South Pas!

Scan the QR Code or visit SouthPasadenaCA.gov/LeafBlowers to learn more about the ban, incentives, enforcement, and upcoming events.

Enforcement is in full effect!
Penalties include fines up to \$500!

- As the property owner or tenant, you are responsible for ensuring compliance. Use an alternative such as a rake, broom, or electric leaf blower.
- If you have a gardener, discuss alternatives and suggest they attend our upcoming electric leaf blower demonstration!
- Statewide incentives are available, but funding is limited and provided on a first-come first-served basis!
- Avoid fines, talk to your gardener or make the switch today.

Calling all Gardeners!
Join the City of South Pasadena and the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) for a **FREE ELECTRIC LEAF BLOWER DEMONSTRATION**

Tuesday, June 27
9:00am - 1:00pm
Garfield Park
1000 Park Ave.

- Test out different electric leaf blower models
- Get your questions about the ban answered
- Receive assistance with applying for discount programs

Bilingual staff ready to assist!

1 hour gas-powered leaf blower use = Driving 1,100 miles (San Diego to Portland)

Emissions from gas-powered leaf blowers contribute to air pollution and climate change.

Toxic pollutants from gas-powered leaf blowers cause health issues including dizziness, asthma attacks, headaches, and heart and lung disease for both operators and bystanders.

Share these Discount Programs for Electric Equipment with your Gardener

Scan the QR CODES below for more information, including eligibility requirements

AQMD Commercial Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment Exchange Program

1. Visit a participating retailer listed online
2. Select equipment with retailer assistance
3. Submit a voucher with the retailer and wait for approval
4. Turn in your old gas-powered equipment to the retailer
5. Purchase your new discounted electric equipment from the retailer

AQMD.gov/LawnGarden

California Clean Off-Road Equipment Voucher Incentive Project (CORE)

1. Select your equipment from the online catalog
2. Contact eligible dealers listed in the catalog
3. Submit a voucher with the dealer and wait for approval
4. Purchase your discounted electric equipment from the dealer

CaliforniaCore.org

For more information visit SouthPasadenaCA.gov/LeafBlowers

For Mandarin, scan the QR code 如需中文, 請掃碼

AGZA **SOUTH PASADENA**

June 2023

Electric Leaf Blower Demonstrations



Partnership with

AGZA
AMERICAN GREEN ZONE ALLIANCE

Commercial Incentives



Find your local Participating Retailer location by visiting:
www.aqmd.gov/LawnGarden

Eligible Participants:

- Commercial Gardeners/Landscapers
- Local Government Agencies
- School Districts & Colleges
- Non-Profit Organizations
- Private Entities with full-time in-house gardening staff

Eligibility Requirements:

- Reside within South Coast AQMD's jurisdiction
- Have operable gas or diesel-powered commercial lawn and garden equipment to scrap
- Have Business license or EIN
- Work with approved Program Retailers to submit application for South Coast AQMD pre-approval



Up to 85% discount, up to the funding caps listed below (whichever is less):

EQUIPMENT	FUNDING CAP * (UP TO)
Chainsaws/Trimmers/Edgers/Brush-Cutters	\$700
Leaf Blowers/Vacuums	\$1,400
Walk Behind Mowers	\$1,500
Ride-On or Stand-On Mowers	\$15,000

*Participants may purchase up to two additional batteries/chargers for each new piece of equipment at a % discount.

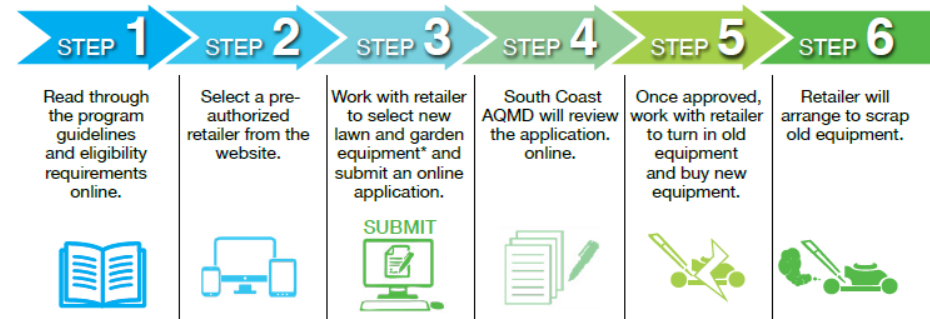
For questions, email LawnGarden@aqmd.gov or call 888-425-6247 (Tuesday - Friday 7:30 a.m. to Friday 5:00 p.m.)

@SouthCoastAQMD



Get up to 85% off
When You Replace Your Polluting Gas or Diesel Lawn Equipment for Zero-Emission Equipment

VOUCHER PROGRAM STEP BY STEP
www.aqmd.gov/LawnGarden



*Eligible equipment must be like-for-like.

Additional Information

Please scan QR code for access to the eligible equipment list, participating retailer locations, and additional program information.



Residential Incentives



Get up to \$250 per Equipment When You Replace Your Old, Polluting Lawn and Garden Equipment with Electric Models

Purchase up to 3 lawn and garden equipment in store or online and get up to \$250 cash back per equipment.

REBATE PROGRAM STEP BY STEP



Rules and Conditions Apply

- * Rebate cannot be greater than purchase price, not including taxes and delivery.
- * Each participant can receive a maximum of 3 rebates for the lifetime of the program.
- * Program is on a first-come, first-served basis until funds run out.
- * Each electric lawn and garden equipment purchased must be cordless and include a battery and charger.
- * You must scrap an operational and equivalent lawn and garden equipment for each electric equipment to receive the rebate.
- * For questions or more info please email us at lawnmower@aqmd.gov or call 888-425-6247 (Tuesday-Friday, 9-11am and 2-4pm).



For assistance,
contact:

lawnmower@aqmd.gov


(888) 425-6247

Enforcement Update

- Violations are the responsibility of the property owner or tenant which authorized the use of the gas-powered leaf bower
- Enforced by Code Enforcement, not by police
- Door hangers are being issued as initial courtesy warning

LEAF BLOWER VIOLATION WARNING

Effective April 2023
CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION



A GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER WAS OBSERVED ON YOUR PROPERTY. THIS IS A VIOLATION OF SOUTH PASADENA'S LEAF BLOWER REGULATIONS WHICH PROHIBIT THE USE OF GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS. (S.P. MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 19A).

Observed _____ Time _____
Posted _____ Initials _____
Address _____
Comments _____


VIOLATIONS ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER OR TENANT WHO AUTHORIZED THE USE OF THE GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER

The City Council has authorized the following penalties for violations:


- **First violation:** written warning notice
- **Second violation:** a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00)
- **Third violation:** a fine not exceeding two hundred dollars (\$200.00)
- **Fourth violation and any subsequent violation:** a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars (\$500.00)

The City may exercise discretion in the assessment of the additional penalties to afford alleged violators a reasonable period to receive the mailed notices and comply.

Scan the QR code to read the ordinance.



CONTACT THE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DIVISION AT (626) 403-7225 FROM 8 A.M. TO 5 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE OR THE ORDINANCE.




THE CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA PROHIBITS ANY PROPERTY OWNER (INCLUDING THE CITY) OR TENANT OR ANY EMPLOYEE, AGENT, OR CONTRACTOR WORKING FOR A PROPERTY OWNER OR TENANT TO OPERATE OR AUTHORIZE THE OPERATION OF A GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWER AT ANY TIME.

WHAT CAN I DO?


- Use an alternative such as a rake, broom, or electric leaf blower.
- Please ensure your gardeners and landscapers are aware of the City's ordinance prohibiting the use of gas-powered leaf blowers.
- Statewide incentives are available, but funding is limited and provided on a first-come first-served basis. Visit: AQMD.gov/LawnGarden

WHY BAN GAS-POWERED LEAF BLOWERS?


TOXIC POLLUTANTS Gas-powered leaf blowers can cause dizziness, asthma attacks, headaches, and heart and lung disease for both operators and bystanders. Debris blown into streets and storm drains are a contributor to water pollution



NOISE Gas-powered leaf blowers cause hearing loss and reduce the quality of life in the City due to their powerful noise.



EMISSIONS Gas-powered leaf blowers emit carbon dioxide and nitrous oxide, contribute to air pollution and climate change.



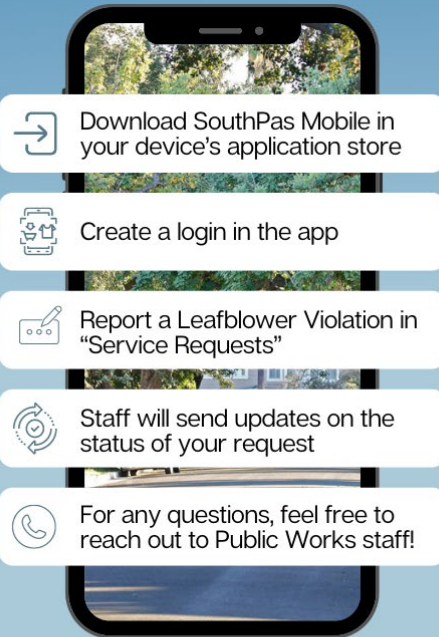
Over 200 cities in the US have enacted bans or restrictions on gas-powered leaf blowers

The California State legislature passed AB 1346, which bans the sale of new gas-powered leaf-blowers, lawnmowers, and other SOREs by 2024

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT:
SOUTHPASADENACA.GOV/LEAFBLOWERS

How to Report a Violation

HOW TO REPORT A LEAFBLOWER VIOLATION



 (626) 403-7240

 leafblower@southpasadenaca.gov



- **Download the South Pasadena App**
- **Create an Account**
- **This App allows you to take and upload pictures!**
- **These reports are generated to GOGOV, a software we use for Leaf Blower reports.**

Violation Photos

CLEAR VIOLATION PHOTO



UNCLEAR VIOLATION PHOTO

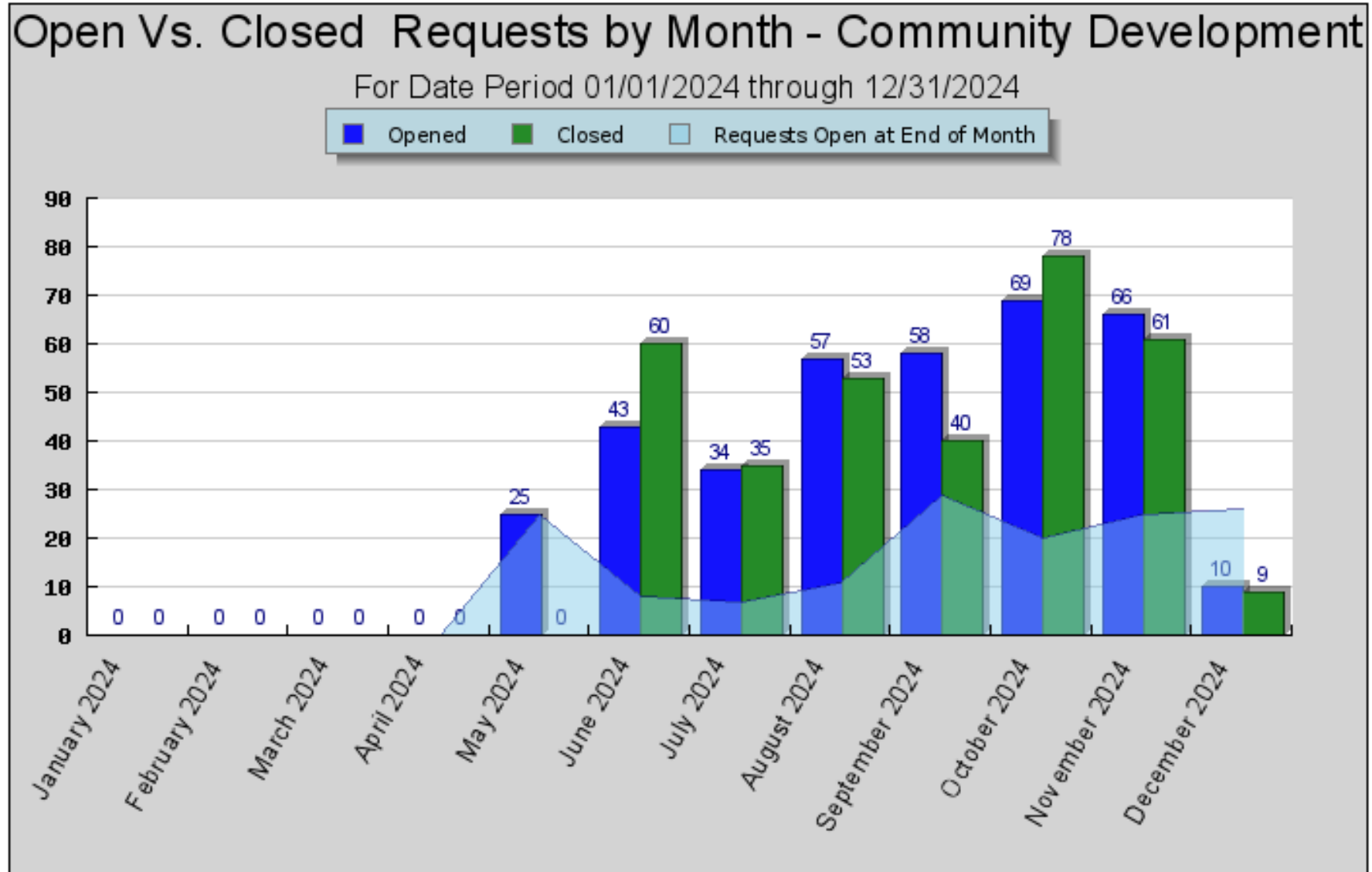


Enforcement Penalties

SOUTH PASADENA CITY HALL

- **First offense – Courtesy Warning**
- **Second Offense – Notice of Violation**
- **Third Offense – Final Notice of Violation**
- **Fourth Offense – Administrative Citation \$100**
- **Fifth Offense – Administrative Citation \$200**
- **Sixth Offense – Administrative Citation \$500**

GoGov Request Yearly Update



Business License

- Pursuant to SPMC Section 19A.12.4. a Business License is required for all businesses, trades and professions.
- In addition to a Business License Application, an Electric Leaf Blower Declaration and proof of purchase of an allowed leaf blower(s) must be submitted.
- This is also required for renewal of a Business License.

Business License Declaration



CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT
1414 MISSION STREET, SOUTH PASADENA, CA 91103
TEL: 626 433-7220 • FAX: 626 433-7221
WWW.SOUTHPASADENACA.GOV

ELECTRIC LEAF BLOWER DECLARATION

1. I certify that the information provided on the Business License Application form and the documents submitted to be true and accurate.
2. I declare that business shall be conducted in accordance with the City of South Pasadena Municipal Code (SPMC) §19A.12.4.
3. I understand that it is unlawful to transact and carry on any business, trade, profession, calling or occupation in the City of South Pasadena without first procuring a license from the City and complying with any and all applicable provisions in accordance with the SPMC §18.20.
4. As required pursuant to SPMC §19A.12.4(c), proof of purchase of a leaf blower(s) allowed under SPMC §19A.12.4(a) has been submitted with the business license application.
5. I declare that the company will not use prohibited gas-powered leaf blowers in the City of South Pasadena.
6. Upon issuance of a business license, it shall be my responsibility to renew the license and provide proof of purchase or ownership of acceptable leaf blower(s) before the end of the anniversary month.
7. I acknowledge that any false or misleading information will justify a revocation of the business license.

Date: _____
(MM/DD/YYYY)

Business Name: _____

State License Number: _____

Print Name
Owner/Representative

Signature
Owner/Representative



Business License Application



City of South Pasadena Business License Application

• Business Licensing Center •
8639 N Cedar Ave #212, Fresno, California 93720
PH 526-433-7258 • FAX (506) 348-0485

Apply Online Today At: <https://southpasadena.hdlgov.com>

OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Business License No. _____
Expiration Date _____
NAIC Code _____
License Fee \$ _____
Check # _____ Credit Card Cash

PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT WITH PEN

Business Name _____ **Bus. Start Date** _____
Corporate Name (if applicable) _____ New Application Change Home Occupation
Business Location _____ **Street Address** _____
(Enter in P.O. Box per 2016 of California Business & Professions Code Section 7709.2) _____ **State Sales Tax No.** _____
MAILING ADDRESS _____ **Federal ID No.** _____
_____ **State ID No.** _____
_____ **State License No.** _____
_____ **State License Type** _____
Phone No. _____ **Alt. No.** _____ **Expire Date** _____

Description of Business
 Ownership Corporation Corp-Ltd Liability Partnership Sole Proprietor Trust Non-Profit

PERSONAL INFORMATION - Enter below names of Owners, Partners, or Corporate Officers (attach additional sheet, if necessary)

1st Owner Name _____ **Title** _____ **Social Security No.** _____
Home Address _____ **Driver's License No.** _____
(Enter in P.O. Box) _____ **Other ID No.** _____
_____ **Phone No.** _____

2nd Owner Name _____ **Title** _____ **Social Security No.** _____
Home Address _____ **Driver's License No.** _____
(Enter in P.O. Box) _____ **Other ID No.** _____
_____ **Phone No.** _____

• Have you filed a Fictitious Business Name Statement? Yes No
• For AB 2184, you may provide your residential address by providing a different Service of Process address in accordance with Sections 10600.1(a)(2) and 101001.6(a)(2) of the Business and Professions Code. Therefore, please fill out the section on the back of this form.
THE INFORMATION BELOW MUST BE COMPLETED FOR YOUR BUSINESS LICENSE TO BE PROCESSED
The City of South Pasadena's business license application has been updated in accordance with California Senate Bill No. 105. The primary Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code, identifying the primary activity of your business, must now be provided with your renewal, and your subjectivity to the State's Industrial General Permit (IGP) must be evaluated as part of this process. Please complete section 2 on Page 2 to fulfill this new requirement.

EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION - In case of emergency and I cannot be reached, please call:

Name _____ **Title** _____ **Phone No.** _____
Address _____ **Cell Phone No.** _____

PLEASE FILL IN THE APPROPRIATE BOXES BELOW AND SIGN

CERTIFICATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
I declare under penalty of perjury that the statements made in this application are true. I further agree that business shall be conducted in accordance with the City of South Pasadena Municipal Code. I understand that Sales or Use Tax may apply to my business activities. Upon issuance of a Business License, it shall be my responsibility to renew the license before the end of anniversary month.

SIGN HERE
→ _____
Signature of Owner or Representative
_____ **Date** _____
Thank you for doing business in the City of South Pasadena

Business License Application Fees

SIC Rating of Business	#	No. of Owners/Employees	#
No. of Residential Rental Units	#	Estimated Gross Receipts	\$

NOTICE: Under federal and state law, compliance with disability access laws is a serious and significant responsibility that applies to all California building owners and tenants with buildings open to the public. You may obtain information about your legal obligations and how to comply with disability access laws at the following agencies: The Division of the State Architect at www.dgs.ca.gov/dsa - The Department of Rehabilitation at www.dor.ca.gov - The California Commission on Disability Access at www.sds.ca.gov

RETURN APPLICATION BY MAIL TO:
City of South Pasadena - Business Licensing Center
8639 N. Cedar Ave #212
Fresno, CA 93720-1832

SCAN & RETURN APPLICATION BY EMAIL TO:
southpasadena@hdlgov.com

Questions

www.southpasadenaca.gov/leafblowers

leafblowers@southpasadenaca.gov

Community Improvement Coordinator

rnilo@southpasadenaca.gov