



Ban on the Use of Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers

Sustainability Commission, July 6, 2023

California Assembly Bill No. 1346



- Bans the sale of gas-powered small-off road engines (SOREs) by 2024
- Spark-ignition engines rated ≤ 19 kilowatts.

Why Ban SOREs?

- Noise
- Engines are highly polluting
 - Oxides of nitrogen (NOx)
 - Reactive organic gases (ROG)
 - Particulate matter (PM)
- Health impacts on operators



1 hour lawn mower use



driving 300 miles
from LA to Vegas



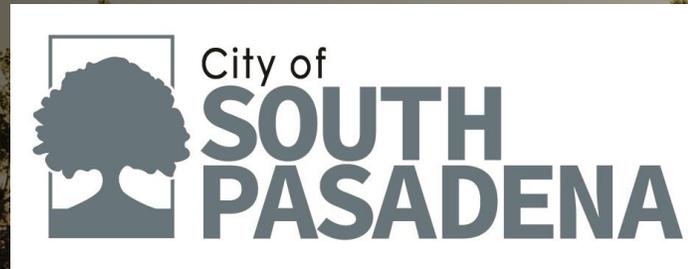
1 hour leaf blower use



driving 1100 miles
from LA to Denver

What other Cities have done?

Cities that Banned Gas Leaf Blowers



Cities that Banned All Leaf Blowers



How this came to Glendale

 **City Council**
Oct. 2022
Direction

 **City Council**
Feb. 2023
Direction

 **City Council**
Jul. 2023
Introduction



City Council
Request



**Community Services
& Parks**

Leaf Blower Ban Ordinance



Bans use of gas-powered leaf blowers



Citation to property owner or landscape maintenance business



Warning followed by a \$100 fine (1st violation), \$200 fine (2nd violation), \$300 fine (3rd violation)



Complaint driven enforcement begins July 2025, after education period



Community Education

Staff collaborate with a landscaping education and research experts for community education.

- Multi-lingual education materials
- Multi-channel education outreach through in-person events, flyering, digital campaigns, etc.
- Education on electric alternatives, and rebates and incentive programs



Rebates and Incentives

Rebates and incentives for are available at a state, air management district, and local level.

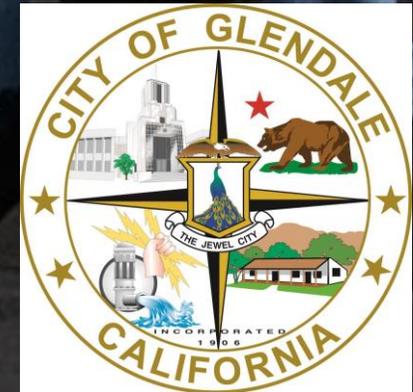


Point of purchase rebates for businesses.



Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Incentive & Exchange Program.

Residential Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program



Rebates for GWP customers to purchase electric leaf blower.

Outreach So Far...

- Multiple newsletter distributions
- 13 public comments
- 1 in-person demonstration event
 - 12 locations flyered
 - 40+ landscapers reached prior to event
 - 52 businesses contacted
 - 16 organizations connected with
 - 80K+ social accounts reached
 - 20 registered demo attendees





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