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Leaf Blower Best Management Practices



A HELPFUL RESOURCE FOR
LANDSCAPERS, GARDENERS,
AND HOME OWNERS

Leaf Blower Management Practices

The City of El Monte highly recommends the use of electric or battery powered leaf blowers instead of gas powered leaf blowers.

“Leaf blower” means any air blowing machine which uses a concentrated stream of air to blow leaves, grass cuttings, trash, or other debris.

“Power yard maintenance equipment” means any engine driven device or machine used primarily for the maintenance of lawns, shrubs, trees, or other landscaping.

Commercial leaf blower operators are required by El Monte Municipal Code (EMMC) Section 5.04.040 to obtain a Business License to operate in the City and shall have in their possession a City of El Monte business license available for inspection on site.

Leaf blowers shall not exceed standard noise decibel (dba) levels per EMMC 8.36.040 (A).

Any person using or operating a leaf blower shall not cause dirt,

dust, debris, leaves, grass clippings, cuttings, or trimmings from trees or shrubs to be blown or deposited on any adjacent or other parcel, land, lot, street, alley, or gutter from which the leaf blower is being used or operated.

Gas, electric or battery powered leaf blowers may be operated between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Saturday through Sunday.

Leaf blowers are not to be operated for more than fifteen (15) minutes per hour on any one parcel.

The full blower nozzle extension shall be used for maximum efficiency and to minimize the spreading of dust particles.

When leaf blowers are used in dusty conditions, surfaces shall be moistened prior to blowing or a mister used during blowing.

All debris collected through the use of the leaf blower shall be disposed in trash receptacles.

Leaf blowers shall be in proper working order and all manufacturers’ noise and dust control equipment on the leaf blower shall remain on the blower and be in good operating condition.

Leaf blower users shall operate

the leaf blower with the least amount of noise and at the lowest speed possible and keep use time as short as possible.

Violators shall be issued a misdemeanor citation.

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