

Why We Oppose a Ban on Leaf Blowers Talking Points

- **Majority Consideration** -The recent City Council Ban on leaf blowers was passed without consideration of the majority of citizens who oppose it.
- **Home Maintenance** - Proper use of leaf blowers helps clear rooftops, gutters, and storm drains quickly and safely.
- **Small Business** - Small landscaping businesses depend on leaf blowers, and we depend on small businesses.
- **Large Business** - Large businesses need leaf blowers for their outdoor property maintenance.
- **City Noise Ordinance Covers** - A restriction on operation during certain hours or days beyond the city noise ordinance is an undue intrusion of rights.
- **Working Citizens Garden Weekends** - Restriction of use to weekdays is unacceptable to citizens who do gardening on the weekend, which is nearly everybody.
- **Communicate** - Neighbors need to learn the “talking points” of communicating with each other if leaf blowers are a problem.
- **Upgrade** - People who use any outdoor equipment that is in bad repair need to be educated by guidelines.
- **Educate** - People who blow directly on dirt or who emit smoke or gas need to be educated by guidelines.
- **City workers** - Education in proper, considerate use of blowers may be needed for city workers; help our workers be models of appropriate use, don't take away tools they need. Guidelines for city workers and residents need not be different.