

Cities, towns, counties and states which ban or restrict the use of blowers include:¹

1. Arlington, MA - May 2012 ([link](#))
2. Aspen, CO July 18-05 ([link](#))
3. Belvedere, CA
4. Berkeley, CA ([link](#))
5. Beverly Hills, CA (banned in 1978) ([link](#))
6. Boulder, CO
7. Brookline, MA - November 2011 ([link](#))
8. Cambridge, MA - Dec 2007 ([link](#))
9. Carmel, CA (banned in 1975)
10. Claremont, CA ([link](#))
11. Del Mar, CA ([link](#))
12. Dobbs Ferry, NY ([link](#))
13. Evanston, IL 2005 ([link](#))
14. Foster City, CA ([link](#))
15. Framingham, MA - May 2012 ([link](#))
16. Hastings, NY ([link](#))
17. Honolulu, HI ([link](#))
18. Houston, Texas July 18-05 ([link](#))
19. Indian Wells, CA ([link](#))
20. Key West, FL, June 02/11 - considering citizen request for a ban ([link](#))
21. Laguna Beach, CA ([link](#))
22. Lawndale, CA ([link](#))
23. Los Altos, CA ([link](#))
24. Los Angeles, CA ([link](#))
25. Malibu, CA
26. Mamaroneck, NY 2007 ([link](#))
27. Menlo Park, CA ([link](#))
28. Mill Valley, CA
29. Montclair, NJ ([link](#))
30. New Rochelle, NY ([link](#))
31. Oyster Bay, NY ([link](#))
32. Palm Beach, FL ([link](#))
33. Palo Alto, CA ([link](#))
34. Pelham Manor, NY ([link](#))
35. Pelham, NY ([link](#))
36. Portland, OR ([link](#)) Effective Sept 09
37. Portsmouth, NH ([link](#))
38. Rye, NY ([note](#))
39. Santa Barbara, CA ([link](#))²
40. Santa Monica, CA ([link](#))
41. Scarsdale, NY
42. Scottsdale, AR - Mar 2008 ([link](#))
43. Sunnyvale, CA
44. Tampa, FL
45. Tiburon, CA ()
46. Toronto, ON ([link](#))
47. Vancouver, BC Feb 04 ([link](#))
48. Westchester County, New York ([link](#))
49. West Hollywood, CA
50. White Plains, NY ([link](#))
51. Winnetka, IL
52. Yonkers, NY - Jan 2008 ([link](#))

“About 13% of Californians live in cities that ban the use of leaf blowers, and six of the ten largest California cities have ordinances that restrict or ban leaf blowers ([link](#)). All together, about one hundred California cities have ordinances that restrict either the use of leaf blowers specifically or all gardening equipment generally, including the cities with bans on leaf blower use (IME 1999). In 2000, nationwide, two states, Arizona and New Jersey, had considered laws at the state level, and five other states have at least one city with a leaf blower ordinance, according to the California Environmental Protection Agency, Air Resources Board, Mobile Source Control Division: “A Report to the California Legislature on the Potential Health and Environmental Impacts of Leaf Blowers”, February 2000, ([pdf](#))

¹<http://www.ccblincoln.com/CCBL/2OtherTowns.html>. Updated 12/05/2013 Also see: [Leaf Blower Ordinances](#)

² See footnote 3.

In California, bans and restrictions include:

- “Belvedere (1987) “It shall be unlawful for any person within the city limits to operate any portable machine powered with a gasoline engine used to blow leaves, dirt and other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns or other surfaces.”
- “Berkeley (1991) ...it shall be unlawful for any person, including any city employee, to operate any portable machine powered with a gasoline engine used to blow leaves, dirt, and other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, or other surfaces within the City limits.
- “Beverly Hills (1976) It shall be unlawful for any person within the City to use or operate any portable machine powered with a gasoline engine used to blow leaves, dirt, and other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, or other surfaces.
- “Carmel (1975) The operation of a combustion engine blower for the purpose of displacing, removing or blowing any materials from or about public or private property in a manner which allows the engine to be heard on public property and causes the materials to be blown into the air in a manner which allows them to settle on public property or on private property not belonging to the same owner on which the blower is being operated is declared to be a public nuisance and unlawful.
- “Claremont (1991)...Whereas, the city council finds the operation of gasoline powered leaf blower use results in dust, engine emissions, and noise pollution...Whereas, the city council finds that gasoline powered leaf blowers exceed the noise standards as set forth in Chapter 5 of the Land Use and Development Code...Whereas, the Air Quality Management District (AQMD) in its twenty year Clean Air Plan recommends a ban on gasoline powered blowers...Now, therefore, the city council does ordain...Internal combustion engine (gasoline) powered leaf blowers shall be prohibited in the city after March 1, 1991...Use of any type of leaf blower on any city owned or maintained property is prohibited...
- “Del Mar (total ban) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate within the City, any portable machine, powered with a gasoline engine or electric motor, to blow leaves, dirt and other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, and other surfaces.
- “Hermosa Beach (total ban) It is unlawful to use within the city limits or cause to be used electrical or gasoline powered backpack/leaf blowers, such as commonly used by gardeners, landscapers and other persons.
- “Indian Wells (1990) Leaf blowers shall be prohibited in all zones within the City except : (i) individual property occupants may operate a single electrically powered leaf blower with use confined to his/her property; (ii) golf course operators may operate gasoline powered leaf blowers during the months of September 15th through December 1st of each year.
- Lawndale (1997) (not yet obtained)
- Laguna Beach (total ban - 1993) The use of electrical or gasoline powered blowers, such as commonly used by gardeners and other persons for cleaning lawns, yards, driveways, gutters, and other property is prohibited at any time within the city limits.

- “Los Altos (1991) ...it shall be unlawful for any person within the City to use or operate any portable machine powered with a gasoline engine used to blow leaves, dirt, and other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, landscape areas or other surface.
- “Los Angeles (1998) Los Angeles Municipal Code, Chapter XI — Noise Regulation, Article 2 — Special Noise Sources, Section 112.04 (c). “Re: Powered Equipment Intended for Repetitive Use in Residential Areas and Other Machinery, Equipment, and Devices. Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection (a) above, no gas powered blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at anytime. Both the user of such a blower as well as the individual who contracted for the services of the user, if any, shall be subject to the requirements of and penalty provisions for this ordinance. Violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be punishable as an infraction in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), notwithstanding the graduated fines set forth in L.A.M.C. Section 11.00(m). "...the following acts and the causing or permitting thereof, are declared to be in violation of this Chapter:...Leaf Blowers. The use or operation of any portable machine powered with a combustion or gasoline engine used to blow leaves, dirt and other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns and other surfaces.”
- Menlo Park (1998) “Ordinance No. 886 [NOTE: this ordinance is also published in full in Spanish] Section 2: Section 8.04.010(20) (Leaf Blowers) of Chapter 8.04 of the City of Menlo Park Municipal Code is hereby repealed in its entirety and replaced with the following: (20) Gasoline-Powered Leaf blowers. The use or operation of gasoline-powered leaf blowers in the City of Menlo Park is prohibited. Gasoline-powered leaf blowers are defined as portable power equipment that is powered by a self contained fuel engine and used in any landscape, maintenance, construction, property repair, or property maintenance for the purpose of blowing, dispersing, or redistributing dust, dirt, leaves, grass clippings, cuttings and trimmings from trees and shrubs or other debris.” (<http://www.ccblincoln.com/CCBL/Towns/MenloPark.html>)
- Mill Valley (1993) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a gas-powered device to blow leaves, dirt or other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns or other surfaces within any area of the City.
- Piedmont (1990) It shall be unlawful for any person to operate a gasoline-powered device used to blow leaves, dirt or other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns or other surfaces within any area of the City except that gasoline-powered leaf blowers may be used by public agencies on publicly-owned or operated facilities.
- Santa Barbara (1997) It shall be unlawful for any person within the City to use or operate any portable machine powered with a gasoline engine, or gasoline powered generator, to blow leaves, dirt, and other debris off sidewalks, driveways, lawns, or other surfaces.
- Santa Monica (total ban) No person shall operate any motorized leaf blower within the City.
- West Hollywood (1986) "The purpose of this Ordinance is to prohibit the use and operation of gasoline powered leaf blowers in the City of West Hollywood. These

devices, used to blow leaves, dirt and debris, create an excessive and unusual amount of noise, often operating at up to ninety decibels. The sustained operation of leaf blowers at this decibel level is literally deafening to persons who reside and work within earshot of the many gardeners and property owners who utilize the devices. The sound is extremely annoying and distracting and not only causes disturbance of those in the vicinity of users of leaf blowers but has the potential to cause hearing damage. In addition, leaf blowers tend to blow dirt, dust and other particulate matter in the air, thereby reducing the air quality in West Hollywood, aggravating persons with allergies and asthmatic conditions and depositing such debris on other public and private property. There are many alternate methods of disposing of leaves available to gardeners and property owners, including electric blowers, rakes, brooms, vacuums and water. The use of gasoline powered blowers is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance by virtue of the detrimental effect such blowers have on the community and residents of West Hollywood." (<http://www.nonoise.org/quietnet/cqs/other.htm>)