

Gas Powered Leaf Blower Enforcement

Gas powered leaf blowers increase the presence of airborne particles, which may cause problems for persons suffering from asthma, hay fever, or other upper respiratory ailments.

Los Angeles Municipal (LAMC) Section 112. 04 (c) bans the use of the gas powered leaf blower device to minimize the nuisance and health related problems attributed to this type of equipment.

112.04(c) LAMC

The following ordinance became effective on February 13, 1998:

"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)."

This section does not preclude anyone from using other devices such as a gas powered vacuum device or electric leaf blower.

Officers enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 112.04(c) in the same manner as any other infraction.

The Los Angeles Police Department has primary enforcement responsibility for this Ordinance. Community members may also register complaints with the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division, Department of Public Works, at 1-800-996-CITY (Leaf blower Complaint Line).

An officer who responds to a radio call and/or otherwise observes anyone operating a gas powered leaf blower within 500 feet of a residence within the City of Los Angeles, may take the following enforcement action:

*Inform the operator of the leaf blower that they are in violation of Section 112.04(c) LAMC.