

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- Raking or sweeping produces less noise and air pollution than motorized leaf blowers.
- Do not blow debris onto adjacent property, the street, catch basins, gutters, vehicles, people, or pets.
- When you can, please use rake or broom near buildings, people, or pets.
- Observe restrictions on the time for operating of leaf blowers and other power tools and equipment.



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LEAF BLOWERS RULES & BEST PRACTICES

**Leaf blowers, power tools and
other construction equipment may
only be operated:**

**8 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Monday through Friday**

**9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Weekends & Holidays**



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GENERAL COURTESY

- Be aware of neighbors, pedestrians and others nearby. Some may have respiratory illness or allergies that are triggered by flying dust and debris.
- Do not use equipment in close proximity to children or pets.
- When using leaf blowers do not blow towards windows or doors, and avoid blowing within 10 feet of doors and windows.
- Do not blow debris onto adjacent property, the street, catch basins, gutters, vehicles, people or pets.
- Abide by time of day and day of the week restriction as follows: Do not use equipment after 6 pm and before 8 am, Monday through Friday, or after 4 pm and before 9 am on weekends and holidays.
- When possible, adjust power equipment use hours to accommodate neighbors and other abutters (within time restrictions).
- Be considerate

SOUND REDUCTION

- Use portable leaf blowers rated 65 decibels or lower, as specified by manufacturer.
- Use at lowest possible speed or throttle to accomplish task.
- Use the longest possible nozzle.
- Orient nozzle to reduce sound.
- Check equipment regularly for proper operation (i.e., muffler, filters, motor).

REDUCTION OF DUST/PARTICULATE MATTER

- Spray dusty areas with water before using blower.
- Use full nozzle extension so that the air stream is close to the ground.
- Do not use for construction dust, plaster dust or dry garden topsoil.
- Use rakes, brooms or shovels to loosen heavier debris.

- Do not use blower to move large mounds of debris from one location to another.

COMMERCIAL OPERATOR TRAINING

- Observe time of use restrictions.
- Provide training in proper use to all employees.
- Limit use of leaf blowers to no more than one within a lot of 10,000 square feet or smaller.
- Use rakes and brooms to supplement cleanup and to loosen heavier debris from corners and edges.
- Leaf blowers should be run at half throttle most of the time, which significantly reduces noise while also providing the operator with maximum control.

WORKER SAFETY

- Leaf blower operators should be provided with ear, eye, and face protection.