The Last Gasp of The Palisades Gas Leaf Blower

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THE POWER OF ONE

ONE gas leaf blower creates as much toxic carbon pollution in 1 year as a car driven **22,000** miles.

ONE Leaf blower at 200mph blows tiny dust, fecal matter, pesticides, fungi, chemicals, fertilizers, spores, and street dirt (which contains lead), into the air and our homes, causing irritants, allergies, asthma, hay fever, and disease.



ONE Gas Blower is loud: A normal suburb measures 50 decibels. Add a leaf blower: **70**db (twice as loud as "safe"). Adults have formed strategies to cope with noise, even though it can "impair performance and increase aggression." Kids haven't, leading to reading comprehension issues and long term memory impairment.

Gas leaf blowers are illegal in Los Angeles (including Pacific Palisades). New methods of enforcement will be introduced later this year and citations will be given out ($100)

There are **6,000,000** leaf blowers in California.

What Can We Do?

Help bring our neighborhood into the future and give everyone an option that works for their finances, ethics, and comfort.

Help people realize that not all technological advances were good ideas, and "better" has to be an ingredient of progress.

Work together to achieve this, celebrate when a person takes action, and find civil ways to let others know that change is coming.

Upcoming enforcement changes will convince those who can't see that the current methods are harmful to themselves and the neighborhood. You may also report violations to Bureau of Street Services @ 213 847-6000

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YOUR OPTIONS

A: BABY STEP



By "going electric," you eliminate the emissions for you and your neighbors, but not the noise.

Tell your gardener you want to use electric equipment and you will pay him more to do so.

If he/she refuses, tell them the Palisades is changing and YOU will get fined $100 if they don't.

If they say no, use our upcoming Guide To Electric Gardeners in the area and move on to someone who will.

As things change, gas-based gardeners will have a hard time finding work in our town.

B:



Say hello to your neighbors and tell them you would like to share electric lawnmowers & leaf blowers. Either purchase equipment for your gardeners or let them pick the equipment and you provide batteries. The SCAQMD (The Smog Department) has an annual event where normal people and professionals can trade in a gas machine for an electric sold at a steep discount. I have also spoken with a Toro distributor who will give us an equipment discount depending on how many units we order.

C: GARDENER'S BFF

Tell your gardener you will buy them the commercial versions of electric leaf blowers and lawnmowers for their businesses and they should talk to all of their clients about purchasing batteries or having extension cords ready for them.

C: WORLD CHANGER

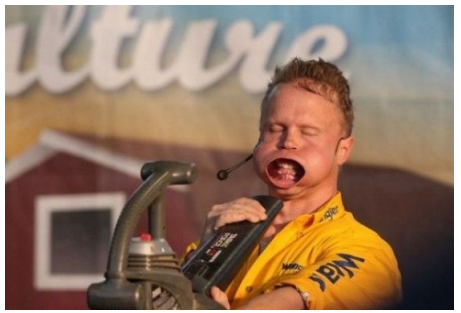


Rakes and brooms are just as efficient as blowers. It just takes longer to get around small spaces. No pollution, nominal noise. No maintenance. Cheap and good for the everyone.

If you have a small-medium size yard, consider going "old school" which is the healthiest method for you, your neighbors, and the community.

RESOURCES

NoiseFree.org http://www.noisefree.org/
Equipment TradeIn: http://goo.gl/LXh0aM
Funny Article: http://goo.gl/v6Bb9l
Energy Comparison: https://youtu.be/AFPRvfNW-Qs



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EQUIPMENT

BEST



Corona RK 62061 19-Inch 25-Tine Steel Head Shrub Rake with 54-Inch Aluminum Handle $24



Scotts 2000-20 20-Inch Classic Push Reel Lawn Mower $140



Leaf Loader 2451027 Lawn Clean-Up Tool $30

BETTER



Toro 51621 UltraPlus Leaf Blower Vacuum, Variable-Speed (up to 250 mph) with Metal Impeller, 12 amp $99



GreenWorks 25142 10 Amp Corded 16-Inch Lawn Mower $147

GOOD



Stihl BGA 85 Cordless $200

WHERE TO BUY

Most of these are available on Amazon. Click on the link below for all of them and some other things you might need.

https://amzn.com/w/1HC9FGMRZSV0Q

If you wait until we get an idea of what people want, we can get a 10%-25% discount on all equipment.

Talk to your gardener about his/her favorite equipment as well and share their thoughts with the community.