



New Leaf Blower Regulations

To help decrease noise pollution in Saratoga, the City Council passed new regulations for leaf blowers that will go into effect on October 1, 2019.

New Regulations

- Leaf blowers used in Saratoga must be certified by the manufacturer to produce no more than 65 decibels at a distance of 50 feet.
- Many commercially available leaf blowers that meet this criteria are labeled with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) B175.2 sticker (pictured). This manufacturer's label and/or product information will be used to verify compliance.
- Homeowners are responsible for ensuring compliance on their property, regardless of who is using the leaf blower, and may be subject to penalties and fines for violations.



Frequently Asked Questions

Which leaf blower should I purchase?

Many manufacturers make leaf blowers that comply with these requirements, and there are several home improvement stores and garden centers in the area that can help you find one. When making your selection, you should also consider the size of the lot, cordless and rechargeable options, and whether it is for professional or home use.

When do I need to have a compliant leaf blower?

On October 1, 2019 these regulations will go into effect and you will need to use a compliant blower.

When can I use my leaf blower?

Beginning October 1, 2019, all leaf blowers may be used Monday through Friday between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and on Saturdays between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Leaf blowers may not be used on Sundays.

Where do these rules apply?

These regulations only apply to leaf blowers used in Saratoga.

What happens if I use a leaf blower that is not compliant?

If a violation is verified by City staff, a courtesy notice will be sent to the property owner and/or landscape company. If additional violations are verified at the same location, the owner of the property may receive a citation.

Who can I contact if I have additional questions?

You can contact City of Saratoga Code Compliance by emailing enforcement@saratoga.ca.us or calling 408.868.1214