

**From:** [Adam T. Lewis](#)  
**To:** [Hudgins, Ariel](#)  
**Subject:** Pasadena leaf blowers  
**Date:** Tuesday, January 26, 2021 11:23:14 PM

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Hello, please ban leaf blowers in Pasadena they are loud and fill the air with dirt and debris. Leaf blowers are a health hazard on every level.

There are also many loud modified cars invading Pasadena that also need to be banned! Modified engines and mufflers that are way louder than leafblowers! Please address that problem too.

Thanks

**From:** [Bob Gutzman](#)  
**To:** [Hudgins, Ariel](#)  
**Subject:** Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers  
**Date:** Thursday, February 4, 2021 3:05:30 PM

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Hi, Ariel.

I live in Pasadena and have been doing some research on the negative effects of gas-powered leaf blowers. I just found out from neighbors that the City of Pasadena is studying this issue. To that, I say hooray!

Can you please tell me the current status of this outreach and studying by the City? What are the next steps?

Also, is it possible for me to chime in on this issue?

Gas-powered leaf blowers are used throughout all of Pasadena. Unfortunately, these carbon monsters are extraordinarily bad news in terms of both noise and air pollution. The fumes, oil contaminants, aerosols, dust, and noise negatively impact workers and community members.

One hour of gas-powered leaf blower use generates pollution equal to driving a car 1,100 miles. Yikes!

Pasadena--like many other cities around California have already done--should move as quickly as possible to ban gas-powered leaf blowers and incentivize the use of electric blowers. Our lungs (and ears) will give thanks.

Thanks much.

Bob Gutzman

**From:** [marcie chan](#)  
**To:** [Hudgins, Ariel](#)  
**Subject:** Please Ban Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers  
**Date:** Friday, February 5, 2021 4:52:28 PM

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Dear Ms. Hudgins,

As a long-time resident of Pasadena, I would like to add my voice to the gas-powered leaf blower issue in Pasadena.

I am strongly in favor of banning all gas-powered blowers in the city. We should move as quickly as possible to electric blowers. They are much cleaner and much quieter.

Making the switch will be a healthy move for both gardeners working in the city and for neighbors who currently have to put up with the severe noise and air pollution spewed by these machines.

Pasadena Water and Power might even consider providing incentives for gardeners working in the city to convert to electric blowers.

But in any event, a ban of gas-powered blowers should be made as soon as possible...like by the summer of 2021.

Thanks for forwarding this email to the proper people and having it read into the record.

Marcie Chan

**From:** [Barry Mendel](#)  
**To:** [Hudgins, Ariel](#)  
**Subject:** Gas powered blowers  
**Date:** Saturday, February 6, 2021 11:59:15 AM

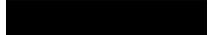
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I'd like to add my voice to the chorus of people wishing to ban gas powered blowers within Pasadena City limits.  
Thank you!

Barry Mendel and Sarah-Raquel Jimenez-Mendel



Pasadena

**From:** [Robert Cathcart](#)  
**To:** [Hudgins, Ariel](#)  
**Subject:** Gas powered leaf blowers  
**Date:** Saturday, February 6, 2021 3:19:33 PM

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Dear Ariel:

We live on La Loma Road in Steve Madison's Pasadena District.

Please accep this email as an urgent request that Pasadena order electric powered leaf blowers be used in lieu of gas powered blowers for personal comfort and to reduce the environmental impact of the gas machines!

Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Sincerely,

Robert J (Mike) Cathcart

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**From:** [Hinkley, Mary](#)  
**To:** [Hudgins, Ariel](#)  
**Subject:** Leaf Blowers in Pasadena  
**Date:** Sunday, February 7, 2021 12:35:18 PM

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Hi Ariel,

I live on the 500 block of La Loma Road and am currently working from home. The sound of leaf blowing in our neighborhood has become intolerable.

I understand the need for gardeners to get in and out of their jobs quickly to make ends meet, but wonder if it's time to consider a schedule for leaf blowing (like we do for watering) or an ordinance to switch to electric blowers, or possibly a decibel cap on existing blowers.

Our neighbor's gardening service uses blowers that are so loud, even with our windows closed, I can't conduct a virtual meeting. We have joked about chipping in for a new blower for them, but I think the problem is bigger than simply that.

Looking forward to hearing the discussion and solutions to this "first world problem."

Best regards,

Mary