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GAS-POWERED & COMBUSTION ENGINE LEAF BLOWER AND VACUUM BAN EFFECTIVE MARCH 1, 2021

Pacific Grove, California:

On March 4, 2020, the City Council unanimously approved [Ordinance 20-005](#) amending Chapter 11.96, Unlawful Noises, of the Pacific Grove Municipal Code. A 12-month implementation delay was approved to allow ample time for businesses and residents to make changes in equipment.

Effective March 1, 2021, combustion engine and gas-powered leaf blowers and vacuums are prohibited within City limits. This restriction applies to all users including business owners, commercial operators, and residents.

Electric or battery-powered leaf blowers and vacuums are permitted. Use is limited to Monday through Saturday, 8 am - 6 pm and Sunday, 10 am-5 pm.

The benefits of prohibiting gas-powered leaf blowers include avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions, decreased noise levels, and reduction in suspended dust, allergens, and other harmful particulates.

Additional information, including outreach materials in English/Spanish and an online complaint form, can be found on the City's website: cityofpg.org/leaf-blowers

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