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LEAF BLOWER USE AND NOISE REGULATIONS

Reference: City of Irvine Municipal Code Section 6-8-205 C.

The City of Irvine Municipal Code regulates the operation of leaf blowers to minimize noise, dust and debris impacts. These regulations balance the need for landscape personnel to efficiently collect leaves and landscape debris while minimizing the impacts to surrounding homes and businesses. Voluntary adherence is greatly appreciated.

RESTRICTIONS:

The following lists the restrictions placed upon leaf blowers and operators:

1. 70 decibel db(A). Any leaf blower operated within the City of Irvine may produce a sound level not to exceed 70 db(A) as measured at the midpoint of a wall area 20 feet long and ten feet high and at a horizontal distance of 50 feet away from the midpoint of the wall, or not more than 76 db(A) at a distance of 25 feet.
2. Each leaf blower shall be tested and certified for use by the City of Irvine, and once tested, shall bear the City label of approval. A fee for testing shall be collected in an amount set by City resolution.
3. Leaf blowers shall only be operated between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Saturday.
4. Leaf blower operation shall not cause dirt, dust, debris, leaves, grass clippings, cuttings or trimmings from trees or shrubs on any parcel of land other than that upon which the leaf blower is operated on. All such material collected through the use of a leaf blower shall be disposed of in an approved manner within 6 hours of collecting.
5. Leaf blowers shall not be operated within a horizontal distance of 10 feet from any operable window, door or mechanical intake or duct.
6. Users, except those on their own private property, are required to receive training by the City and to obtain certification. Such certification is required to be renewed every 2 years and must be available upon demand to City representatives during all leaf blower use.

To schedule equipment and operator certification, contact Code Enforcement personnel at (949)724-6326.