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Gil and the Manhattan Beach Departments Overseeing Use of Weed Blowers - See Resources attached

Over the past month, it is to be noted that ---

- * Gas powered Weed Blowers are still being used daily by gardeners through out the city.

- * No noticeable actions have been taken by the City to simply educate, inform, enforce, or communicate with Gardeners and the Client Home Owners about this issue.

Here are some possible "Action-ables" which the City may be implementing or about to--

- 1) Registered Gardeners -- Does the city actually have list of Gardeners who have licenses to operate in the City? Are Gardeners required to have licenses? Annually renewed?
- 2) Communications with Gardeners - Has the City sent notices to all these gardeners, advising them that Gas powered Leaf Blowers are illegal and violate an ordinance that carry 3 levels of fines?
- 3) Electric or Battery Powered Leaf VACUUM units - Require that all gardeners replace Gas powered leaf blowers with Battery powered Leaf Vacuum units [The cost is about the same or each
- 4) Home Owners - Should be put on formal notice and fined if their gardeners are not complying with the City ordinance
- 5) City PR and Communications- Releases to the local newspapers, Web sites and Next Door.
- 6) City officials, staff, and council members - What is your gardening service using? Have informed your gardener and show them you care?

Thank you for staying with this focus and actions to simply cause MB Citizens and their Gardening Teams to just STOP using gas powered unit that simply blow leaves and grass and invest a battery powered units that vacuum and provide composting for the environment.

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Gil and MB City Support Staff

Thank you again for your informative phone conversation re Leaf Blowers that still blow daily in Manhattan Beach

For some time, we have sought to end the practice and to seek to find a way for the Code & Police Departments to effectively control, end, and fine the gardeners who continue to use Leaf Blowers in MB..

The two documents are updated version of an on going effort in the Sand Section to stop the use of gas powered blowers. The effort has been largely futile-as the time between reporting and the location of the infraction are just too short for citation..

Please do two things to keep the Citizenry in the game & proactive:

1. Edit the two updated documents attached to valid and confirm that we have the "Solution" right
- 2) Note the link below to an article that just appeared in the Atlantic magazine by a very prominent author about who he and the people of Washington, DC finally get rid of Leaf Blowers.

BTW -- we are assuming the Battery powered vacuum units are legal and endorsed by the City.

We are assuming that the only effective way to report such violations is to video the infraction as it is going on and upon collecting a many as three of four such motion videos to send or deliver the evidence to the City for citation and fining.

Generally, speaking it appears that many of the gardeners are NOT licensed or registered by the City and that many times the owners of the property are complicit and even indifferent in the whole matter. The City might consider cracking down on this and actually seeking "educate" Gardeners about the Code, the Environment, and the \$100 to \$500 fine range.

Thanks, Gil for your professionalism and the diligent work to get buildings and property improvement done right ^ within "Code"

Let us know if and how we can support the City in all areas.

Here is the ATLANTIC article

<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2019/04/james-fallows-leaf-blower-ban/583210/>

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