



California to ban gas lawn mowers, leaf blowers

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**MORE POLLUTING
THAN CARS?**

YES

GAS LEAF BLOWERS

...will become
the leading source of
ozone-forming emissions in
the state by 2020,
ahead of cars.

Courtesy of Resources World



Let's Ban Them All Over

- 1) Gas-engines that power garden equipment don't have catalytic converters to remove harmful pollution. Ten years ago the auto site Edmunds wrote "The hydrocarbon emissions from a half-hour of yard work with the two-stroke leaf blower are about the same as a 3,900-mile drive from Texas to Alaska in a [Ford-150] Raptor."
- 2) Besides gases like benzene carbon monoxide the engines release a lot of ultra-fine particles that are dangerous to the lungs of landscape workers
- 3) They help produce climate change. **The EPA says 4% of the carbon dioxide sent into the air each year in the US comes from small gas engines.** That doesn't sound like much, but since we're in a battle to limit climate collapse every bit counts.
- 4) The noise is irritating and the smell of the exhausts can be very unpleasant

Let's bring it up with the CT legislature in the next session.

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