

Noise Enforcement

(Leaf blower, Construction, Helicopter & Airplane Complaints)

*Please do your part and join in the REA's campaign
to stop the use of gas powered leaf blowers. They are illegal.*

No to noise pollution! No to dust pollution! No to exhaust pollution!

No gas-powered blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at any time.... Both the user of such a blower as well as the HOMEOWNER face fines.

LAMC 112.04 (c)

Call: (877) ASK-LAPD or (213)485-3711 for more information: www.zapla

Gas Powered Leaf Blower Enforcement

Gas powered leaf blowers increase the presence of airborne particles, which may cause problems for persons suffering from asthma, hay fever, or other upper respiratory ailments.

Los Angeles Municipal (LAMC) Section 112. 04 (c) bans the use of the gas-powered leaf blower device to minimize the nuisance and health related problems attributed to this type of equipment.
112.04(c) LAMC

The following ordinance became effective on February 13, 1998:

"No gas-powered blower shall be used within 500 feet of a residence at any time. Both the user of such a blower as well as the individual who contracted for the services of the user if any, shall be subject to the requirements of and penalty provisions for this ordinance. Violation of the provisions of this subsection shall be punishable as an infraction in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Dollars (\$100)."

This section does not preclude anyone from using other devices such as a gas powered vacuum device or electric leaf blower. Officers enforce Los Angeles Municipal Code Section 112.04(c) in the same manner as any other infraction.

The Los Angeles Police Department has primary enforcement responsibility for this Ordinance. Community members may also register complaints with the Street Services Investigation and Enforcement Division, Department of Public Works, at 1-800-996-CITY (Leaf blower Complaint Line). Please provide the approximate time and dates you have witnessed such as, 'Every Wednesday around 10:00 am and the license plate).

- Gas Leaf Blower.....Bureau of Street Services (213) 847-6000
- Fixed Equipment.....Department of Building and Safety (213) 252-3039
- Animal Complaints.....Animal Regulations (Contact your local animal shelter)
- Aircraft Complaints.....Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) (faa.gov)
- LAPD Helicopter.....Air Support Division (213) 485-2600
- Movie Sets.....Film LA (213) 977-8600

- Any other noise complaint, please contact your local police station or 1-877-ASK-LAPD.

Introduction

Barking dogs, construction equipment, amplified musical instruments, trash trucks, and loud parties are all examples of noise found in major urban areas. Understandably, certain noise levels must be tolerated by all citizens in order for normal functions of urban life to continue. However, excessive, unnecessary, and/or annoying noise is subject to regulation. On March 29, 1982, the City Council adopted a new Noise Ordinance that established limits on noise pollution, set enforcement responsibilities, and provided penalties for violations.

Noise Ordinance

On January 24, 1973, Ordinance No. 144.331 became effective, adding Chapter XI, entitled "Noise Regulation" to the Los Angeles Municipal Code. This chapter empowered the City to prohibit unnecessary, excessive, and annoying noise from all sources subject to its police powers. Enforcement responsibilities were divided between the Police Department and the Department of Building and Safety. During the intervening years, enforcement efforts revealed a need to further define the enforcement responsibilities, to incorporate new sound level measurement procedures, and to establish complaint enforcement expertise within the department. The City Council amended the Noise Ordinance on March 29, 1982, to include new sound level measurement procedures, reconcile conflicting noise level limits, and more clearly define enforcement responsibilities of concerned City departments.

Noise Responsibility

The responsibility for enforcement of the Noise Ordinance is now delegated to the Police Department, Department of Building and Safety, Department of Animal Regulation, and Bureau of Street Services.

The Police Department is responsible for the enforcement of Noise Ordinance violations involving people--generated or controlled noises--which are considered disturbances of the peace. The following is a list of Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) sections of the Noise Ordinance and a summary of the elements that constitute a violation:

Noise Enforcement Team (213) 996-1250

The responsibility of the Noise Enforcement Team entails Early/Late Construction, Early/Late Deliveries, Early/Late Trash Pick-Up.

41.40 LAMC- Construction Noise

Allowable Construction Hours:

Monday through Friday between 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Saturdays and National Holidays between 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Sundays, no construction except for residents

113.01 LAMC- Rubbish and Garbage Collection

Allowable Hours if the Trash Bin is within 200 feet of resident:

Between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

If more than 200 feet from resident, trash bin can be picked up any time

114.03 LAMC- Vehicle loading or unloading (Deliveries)

Allowable Hours if Deliveries are conducted within 200 feet of resident:

Between the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

If more than 200 feet from resident, deliveries can be conducted any time