



## *DID YOU KNOW THAT...*

the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers is prohibited by Beverly Hills Municipal Code (Section 5-1-209) in an effort to minimize air and noise pollution and that Beverly Hills property owners are responsible for ensuring that gardeners do not violate City Code?

This equipment is considered an environmental nuisance because:

- Gasoline emissions are unhealthy for everyone, particularly the equipment operator, children, seniors, pets, and wildlife.
- The noise disrupts the peace and tranquility of the neighborhood.
- Dust and debris are not removed but merely displaced.
- They increase air pollution by stirring up mold, allergens and dust particles.

*What the gardener can do:*

- Rake or sweep leaves and debris into piles and dispose in the appropriate green trash bin.
- Use an electric leaf vacuum.

*What the property owner can do:*

- Notify the gardener of the prohibition against gas leaf blowers; if you fail to notify the gardener he may be cited if he continues to use the prohibited equipment.
- Install an approved exterior electrical outlet to facilitate the use of electrical equipment such as an electric leaf vacuum.
- Monitor the gardener's activity on a regular basis to ensure gasoline-powered equipment is not being used.

***Help Beverly Hills reduce its carbon footprint.***

Code violations may be reported by submitting the necessary information on the online system at [Ask Bev](#). Please choose "Code Enforcement" and be prepared to provide the address, date, and time you witnessed the violation. Staff will contact the property owner and gardener to ensure they understand the Code and its importance to the community.