
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO POLLUTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 342F, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§342F- Leaf blower; restrictions. (a) It shall be
5 unlawful for any person to operate a leaf blower within a
6 residential zone or within one hundred feet of a residential
7 zone in the State, except between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and
8 8:00 P.M. on any day except Sunday or a federal holiday, and
9 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M. on Sunday or a
10 federal holiday; provided that:

11 (1) No leaf blower shall be operated within a horizontal
12 distance of ten feet of any operable window, door, or
13 mechanical air intake opening or duct of a building;

14 (2) Leaf blowers shall not be operated for more than
15 thirty minutes per day on parcels of less than one-
16 half acre, or for more than one hour per day on
17 parcels of one-half acre or more but less than one

1 acre; or for more than two hours per day on parcels of
2 one acre or more;

3 (3) No more than one leaf blower may be operated
4 simultaneously per half acre per parcel; and

5 (4) The maximum decibel level of 70 dba shall not be
6 exceeded.

7 (b) Violators shall be fined \$50 for the first violation,
8 \$100 for the second violation, \$200 for the third violation, and
9 \$500 for each subsequent violation.

10 For the purposes of this section:

11 "Leaf blower" means any machine, however powered, used to
12 blow leaves, dirt, or other debris off sidewalks, driveways,
13 lawns, and other surfaces.

14 "Parcel" means an area of real property with a separate or
15 distinct number or other designation shown on a plat recorded in
16 the bureau of conveyances for the State. Contiguous parcels
17 owned by the same individual or entity shall be considered one
18 parcel for purposes of this section."

19 SECTION 2. Chapter 342H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
20 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
21 and to read as follows:

1 "§342H- Leaf blower debris. (a) It shall be unlawful
2 for any person to use or operate a leaf blower in such a manner
3 as to blow, dispel, or make airborne, dust, leaves, grass
4 cuttings, paper, trash, or any other type of unattached debris
5 or material, beyond the boundaries of the parcel of property
6 being cleaned, unless the consent of the adjoining owner or
7 person in possession of the adjoining property is obtained.

8 (b) It shall be unlawful for any person to use or operate
9 a leaf blower in such a way as to blow leaves, dirt, and other
10 debris onto the public rights-of-way or onto private property
11 not owned, leased, or controlled by the leaf blower operator or
12 the employer or contractor of the leaf blower operator and to
13 allow the debris to remain there in excess of thirty minutes."

14 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Leaf Blowers; Noise Pollution; Emissions; Violations

Description:

Prohibits the use of leaf blowers on certain days and during certain hours; restricts the use of leaf blowers for certain durations of time and near operable doors, windows, and air ducts of buildings. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)