

**NOISE CONTROL BYLAW #6555
AND
STREET AND TRAFFIC BYLAW#2849**

Information Notice on the Use of Leaf blowers

[How does the By-law define “leaf blower”?](#)

Leaf blowers are defined as: a portable machine, including backpack units or handheld units, used for blowing or sucking up leaves, grass, or debris including leaf blowers that accept vacuum attachments but exclude vehicle - mounted units.

[Are there restrictions on the type of leaf blowers allowed to be used in Vancouver?](#)

Yes, leaf blowers must have attached to it a manufacturer’s decal certifying that the leaf blower meets Category 1 - db (A) ≤ 65 equipment standard set out in ANSI B175.2 - 200, published by the Portable Power Equipment Manufacturer’s Association. (see example below)

Example:

{MANUFACTURER’S MODEL NUMBER}

MAXIMUM SOUND LEVEL 65 dB(A)

Measured at 50 ft (15m) Per ANSI B175.2 - 2000

[Are there areas in Vancouver where leaf blowers can not be used ?](#)

Leaf blowers are not permitted to be used in the area of the city bounded by Burrard Street on the east, Stanley Park on the west, Georgia Street on the north and Beach Avenue on the south. (see map #1 on page 2)

[What are the approved hours for the use of leaf blowers ?](#)

In the areas of the city where leaf blowers are allowed, a person must not operate a leaf blower within 50 metres of the boundaries of any residential premises, except between the hours of:

8:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Friday and

9:00am to 5:00pm on Saturday

In the areas of the city where leaf blowers are allowed, and there are no residential premises within 50 metres a leaf blower can be used between the hours of:

7:00am to 10:00pm Monday through Saturday
10:00am to 10:00pm on Sunday or holidays

Questions?

Contact noise @ 3-1-1 OR email noise@vancouver.ca

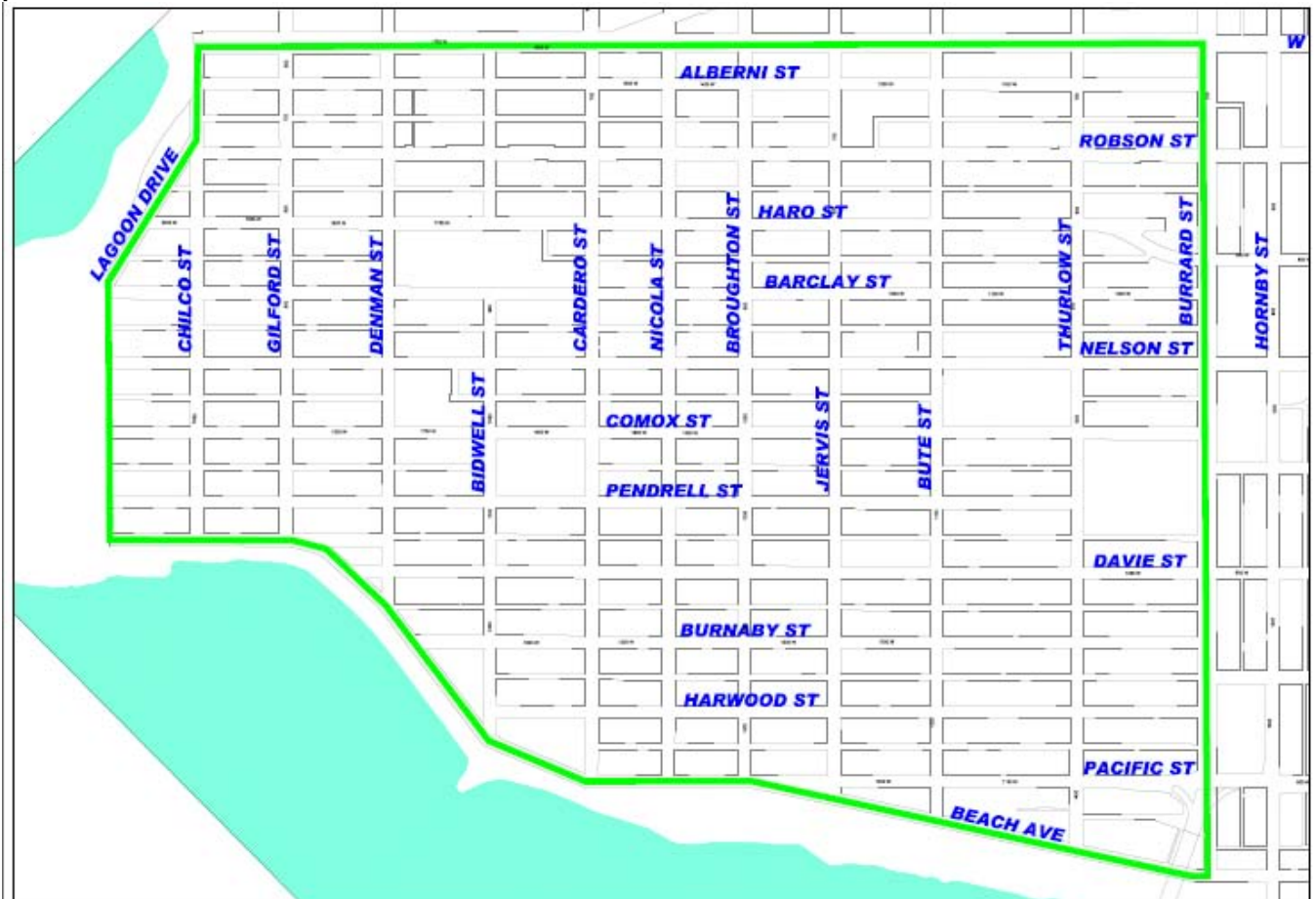
Can I rake or blow leaves onto the street or into the gutter?

DO NOT rake or blow leaves onto the street or into the gutter.

Raking or blowing leaves into the street is a violation of the Street and Traffic By-law and liable to a fine up to \$2,000. Leaves raked into the street may cause flooding by blocking street drains (catch basins), and may also be a hazard to motorists and cyclists.

Contact 311 when a violation of The Street and Traffic By-law is observed.

Map #1 - Area where leaf blowers are not permitted



Leaf Blower Prohibited Area [sec 14B(a)]

