

# Gas-Powered Lawn Equipment

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COMMUNITY FORUM

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# Tonight's Presentation

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- Purpose of the Community Forum and our Goal in addressing the impacts of Yard Maintenance & Landscaping.
- Issues that need to be addressed. What problem are we trying to solve?
- 2020 Code changes to address the impacts of Yard Maintenance & Landscaping
- How have other Cities addressed this situation?
- Questions, Comments, and Open Discussion

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## **Purpose of the Community Forum.**

Collect citizen input.

## **Goal in addressing Yard Maintenance & Landscaping.**

Establish a set of clear, concise, and easily enforced rules for yard maintenance & landscaping that balance citizen's need to maintain their property with the need to maintain Medina's unique character.

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- Work in Progress. Citizen input this evening.
- Some recent input from Medina Citizens.
  - More day & time restrictions. (Limit time to mow your lawn).
  - Ban gas-powered equipment. (Electrical equipment is still noisy).
  - Battery/electrical equipment reduces greenhouse gases.
  - Cost for citizens and yard maintenance companies to replace gas-powered equipment.

# 2020 Code changes to address the impacts of Yard Maintenance & Landscaping

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In October 2020, the City Council amended Chapter 8.06 of the Medina Municipal Code in the following ways, to help address noise complaints from Medina Citizens.

- Limited **professional yard maintenance and landscaping** in the City to the same hours as **commercial construction and development activities**:
  - Weekdays: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
  - Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
  - Sundays: No work allowed
  - Legal Holidays: No work allowed
  
- Limited sounds created by powered equipment when **used by a resident or by the Overlake Golf & Country Club** to:
  - Weekdays: 7:00 AM – 7:00 PM
  - Saturdays: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM
  - Sundays: 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM

# How have other Cities addressed this situation?

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## ➤ **Washington State**

- I am unaware of any cities in Washington that have banned gas-powered lawn equipment.
- Day & time restrictions are common.

## ➤ **California**

- About 2 dozen cities have banned gas-powered blowers. Several have banned electric blowers as well.
- *California Air Resources Board* is finalizing regulations.
  - Require all small off-road engines sold be zero-emissions by 2024. (New sales only. Not existing equipment).

## ➤ **Other States**

- Number of Northeastern cities have banned gas-powered blowers and lawn equipment.

## ➤ **Typical Process**

- 3-5 years notice to ban use or sale of gas-powered lawn equipment.

We want to hear from you!  
Questions, Comments, and  
Open Discussion

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