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**City of Ventura Lifts Temporary Leaf Blower Emergency Ordinance**

The Ventura City Council terminated the temporary leaf blower emergency ordinance during its regular meeting on July 9, 2018. The repeal is effective immediately and the use of gas, electric, and battery powered leaf blowers in the City of Ventura is allowed.

The temporary leaf blower emergency ordinance was adopted by the Ventura City Council on December 18, 2017, shortly after the start of the Thomas Fire. During this time, air quality in the City of Ventura deteriorated and became a potential health issue. The use of leaf blowers allows for debris such as fallen ash and soot to be airborne. The City Council declared both a state of local emergency and a local public health emergency due to the Thomas Fire.

For information on the Thomas Fire Rebuild, visit [www.cityofventura.ca.gov/thomasfirerebuild](http://www.cityofventura.ca.gov/thomasfirerebuild).

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