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City Council Approves Ordinance Prohibiting Use of Gasoline-Powered Leaf Blowers; Battery Operated Leaf Blowers Will Continue to be Allowed

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As Palm Springs continues on the path to becoming a more sustainable community, on Wednesday night July 19, the City Council voted to approve an ordinance that would prohibit the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers, while allowing the use of battery-powered models to continue.

The new ordinance will go into effect beginning **Jan. 1, 2019** and is expected to have a positive environmental impact on the community thanks to reduced emissions from the battery-powered models.

Since 2006, the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has sponsored an annual Leaf Blower Exchange Program available to commercial landscapers and gardeners throughout Southern California, at a discounted price.

The next exchange in Palm Springs is slated for **Monday, Aug. 14 from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Yoshi's Lawnmower, 652 Williams Road.

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