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I was speaking with my gardener yesterday who is a really good man and I think the new regulations will be a big economic burden for him if I am understanding correctly and maybe I need more facts.

He has a 2 stroke leaf blower which is best for him. Is the problem pollution or noise? He says electric powered leaf blowers are difficult because of the long cord and outlets one needs to "leaf blow" with electric on one acre properties in Atherton. Also, he says the battery operated ones only last a half day so he would have to go home and recharge in the middle of the day. And the batteries don't last that long (maybe two years) and are very expensive (\$1,500). What are you proposing they use instead? I feel very badly for these gardeners who are having trouble as it is to find assistants because he says most guys these days would rather be in construction work rather than gardening and his property taxes are going up like crazy. I am not sure this area is very hospitable for gardeners anymore, with the cost of living and shortage of labor. I would like to make it easier for them.

I am sure I don't have all the facts but would be interested to hear what you have to say. Barbara Preuss, 2 Encina Ave, Atherton