

[Letter to the Bakersfield Californian, Tuesday, Oct.15, 2013:](#)

**Another call to ban blowers**

As a resident of Bakersfield for over 40 years, I can say that most of the changes to this city have not been good. We live in a dry area with lots of dust and bad air, which is not good for our health. One of the biggest makers of dust are the leaf blowers used by gardeners. Many cities have banned blowers, as all they do is blow the dirt and dust somewhere else, be it someone's open window, their car or the street. The dust does not just disappear. The city and county should ban blowers and let gardeners clean up with a broom and a dust pan. Hopefully the Bakersfield City Council and the Kern County Board of Supervisors will make the effort to outlaw blowers in the city and county.

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