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To have Petaluma become "carbon neutral" by 2030 is an ambitious and important goal. Towards that end, it only makes sense to go after low hanging fruit by phasing out the use of small off road engines (SOREs).

Leaf blowers are at the top of my list as being the first to "go" because their noise, dust, and smell are particularly annoying and polluting. I was surprised to read in today's Argus that in one hour a commercial gas-powered leaf blower pollutes as much as a Toyota Camry being driven 1,100 miles.

I support the elimination of SOREs.

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"When you have all the time in the world, you can spend it, not on going somewhere, but on being where you are." R.W. Kimmerer Braiding Sweetgrass