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Air District's 2009 mower trade-in program offers two choices

Beginning Earth Day, April 22, San Joaquin Valley residents can replace their old, gasoline-powered lawnmowers with nonpolluting, electric mowers by participating in one of the Valley Air District's most popular annual incentive programs.

Clean Green Yard Machines, part of the Healthy Air Living initiative, offers up to 63 percent off the purchase of cordless electric mowers in order to reduce air pollution caused by gas-burning lawn-care equipment. One gas mower can pollute as much as 40 newer-model cars and is one of the biggest polluters used at home.

This year, the trade-in program offers a choice of two different mowers with the retirement of a gas mower: The Neuton CE5 14-inch mower for just \$150, or the CE6 19-inch mower for only \$250. Vouchers will be distributed until May 31, while supplies last.

"The District's Healthy Air Living Program asks Valley residents to make air quality a priority in their daily decisions. Clean Green Yard Machines provides a tool to put such a decision into action," said Seyed Sadredin, air pollution control officer and executive director.

After receiving a voucher, participants have until May 31 to turn in their old, gas mower (drained of fluids) at a participating recycler and order a Neuton mower by phone at a huge discount. Neuton will deliver new mowers directly to participants' homes.

The regular price of the Neuton CE5 cordless electric mower is \$399. The Air District offers the mower at a 63 percent discount. The Neuton CE6 cordless electric mower is regularly priced at \$499. The Air District offers this mower at a 50 percent discount. Both are mulching mowers with a rear bag and rechargeable battery.

The Air District thanks the following partners and sponsors for making this event possible: The Neuton Lawn Mower Company, The California Air Resources Board, Pacific Gas and Electric, The County of Merced, The County of Tulare, Valley Clean Air Now, Atwater Iron and Metal, Golden State Metals of Bakersfield, J&H Metals of Hanford, Levi's Iron and Metal of Fresno, Madera County Resource Management, Modesto Junk Company, Stockton Recycling Center and Tulare County Recycling.

For more information, visit the District's website or call the nearest District office: in Modesto (209-557-6400); in Fresno, (559-230-6000); or in Bakersfield, (661-392-5500). For information about Neuton mowers, visit www.myneuton.com. The Air District will NOT accept calls to register participants until the program's beginning date.



Kids for Clean Air nets more than 7,000 pledges

The Kids for Clean Air Contest concluded in March with a total of 7,455 pledges turned in by 1,776 fourth- and fifth-grade students from throughout the Valley.

Kids for Clean Air is a key part of Healthy Air Living's winter program, and encourages elementary-school students to obtain clean-air pledges from their friends and families in order to reduce emissions and live a Healthy Air life.

Prizes awarded to 27 Valley classes included an iPod Shuffle for each student in the classroom and a \$250 resource grant for their teacher. The classes and their teachers were also recognized at the April 16 Governing Board meeting, videoconferenced between Modesto, Fresno and Bakersfield.

The Air District congratulates the following teachers and their students for such high participation levels and pledging to live a Healthy Air life.

Kimberly Bullfinch, Century Elementary, Clovis
Terri Chavez-O'Donnell, A.E. Mills School, Firebaugh
Robert Miller, Century Elementary, Clovis
Lorena Navarro, Sunset School, Fresno
Diana Lopez, A.E. Mills School, Firebaugh
Erica Correia, A.E. Mills School, Firebaugh
K. Hurt, A.E. Mills School, Firebaugh
Kelly Lee, Wilson Elementary, Fresno
Susan Ginise, A.E. Mills School, Firebaugh
Susan Sullivan, John Burroughs, Fresno

Mary Funk, Burrel Elementary, Burrel
Christie Caldwell, Bear Mountain, Arvin
Jim Ventura, Bear Mountain, Arvin
Alicia Gama, Bear Mountain, Arvin
Tricia Woods, Cesar E. Chavez Science Magnet, Bakersfield
Tara Hall, Frontier Elementary School, Hanford
Michael Hall, Admiral Akers Elementary, Lemoore
Deborah Weaver, Meadow Lane, Lemoore
Nancy Coulombe, Rivergold Elementary, Coarsegold
Mr. Filiberto Fuentes, Yamato Colony School, Livingston
Erica Haley, Victor Elementary School, Victor
Shirley Kreunegel, George McParland Elementary School, Manteca
Adrian Nichols, Cleveland Elementary, Stockton
Gary Carpenter, Agnes Baptist Elementary, Modesto
Christine Collier, Sisk Elementary, Salida
Ernesto Hernandez, Strathmore Elementary, Strathmore
Terry Bessinger, Buena Vista Elementary, Tulare

