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## **Air District offers Valley residents money back to replace polluting, fuel-powered lawnmowers**

The Valley Air District's Clean Green Yard Machines, lawn mower replacement program, is encouraging Valley residents to replace their old dirty gas-powered lawn mower with a clean electric lawn mower by offering a huge incentive. This program provides Valley residents a cash rebate of up to \$250 or 50% off of the purchase price of new zero-emissions electric lawn mower when they turn in their older, polluting, gas or diesel-powered lawn mower.

Using a gas-powered mower for one hour can produce emissions equivalent to driving 40 late-model cars during the same period of time. Interested residents should purchase one of the many eligible, electric lawn mower models; take their older gas-powered lawn mower to an authorized dismantler; and then submit the required application and paperwork to the District to receive their rebate.

Program participants must be residents of the eight-county Valley air basin. Rebates are granted on a sliding scale up to \$250, depending on the price of the new mower, not including taxes, fees, accessories or delivery charges. Additional requirements include:

- Applicants must replace a functional, existing gas or diesel-powered lawn mower with the new, zero-emissions electric mower by surrendering the old mower to an authorized program dismantler.
- Electric mowers must be new and not previously used or owned.
- Rebates are issued on a first-come, first-served basis.

For complete program guidelines, the list of eligible mower manufacturers and authorized dismantlers, please visit [www.valleyair.org/lawnmowers](http://www.valleyair.org/lawnmowers) or call the District's grants program at 559-230-5800.

This grant program is just one of the many robust and successful grant programs offered by the District to address emissions from sources within the San Joaquin Valley.

Applications can be submitted by mail, or delivered to a District office: in Fresno, at 1990 E. Gettysburg Ave, 93726 (559-230-6000), in Modesto, at 4800 Enterprise Way, 95356 (209-557-6400), and in Bakersfield, at 34936 Flyover Court, 93308 (661-392-5500).