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Clean Green Yard Machines – Lawn mower replacement program *Air District offers Valley residents a rebate of up to \$250*

The Valley Air District's Clean Green Yard Machines program is offering Valley residents a rebate of up to \$250 off the purchase price of a new electric, zero-emission lawn mower. This lawn mower replacement program is encouraging Valley residents to turn in their older, polluting, gas or diesel-powered lawn mower, and providing incentives so that residents can purchase a new electric lawn mower.

Gas-powered mowers that are in use for one hour can produce emissions equivalent to driving 12 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 within 30 days from receipt of purchase 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 a 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.

| Purchase Price | Eligible Rebate Amount |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| \$200 or less | Up to \$100* |
| \$201 to \$350 | \$150 |
| \$351 or more | \$250 |

*Applicant will be responsible for a minimum of 50% of the purchase price for mowers priced \$200 or less.

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

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).