



VALLEY AIR NEWS

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Rebates for electric lawn mowers available of up to \$250!

Electric lawn mowers are easier to use, quieter than gas mowers, with no spills and zero emissions.

Through the Valley Air District's Clean Green Yard Machines program, Valley residents can receive a rebate of up to \$250 off the purchase price of a new, electric mower. This lawn mower replacement program encourages residents to turn in their older, polluting, gas or diesel-powered lawn mower, by providing significant incentive to purchase a new electric model.

Gas-powered mowers that are in use for one hour can produce emissions equivalent to driving 12 late-model cars for the same length of time. Interested residents should purchase one of the many eligible, electric 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.
- Applicants will be responsible for a minimum of 50% of the purchase price for mowers priced \$200 or less.



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

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.



District employees participate in Bike-to-Work Day



Central Region employees in Fresno's Mall 2 Mall Ride, May 2

May is National Bike Month and many Bike-to-Work events occurred throughout the Valley. District employees cycle to work regularly as a great way to reduce emissions from motor vehicles.



Northern Region employees during Modesto's Bike-to-Work Day, May 18

District prepares PM 2.5 Plan for adoption

The District is currently working on a proposed PM 2.5 (Particulate Matter, 2.5 microns and smaller) Plan and a PM 10 (Particulate Matter, 10 microns and smaller) Maintenance Plan.

The proposed 2017 PM 2.5 Plan addresses attainment strategies to meet multiple PM 2.5 standards:

- 1997 PM2.5 Standard (24-hour 65 micrograms per cubic meter)
- 2006 PM2.5 Standard (24-hour 35 micrograms per cubic meter)
- 2012 PM2.5 Standard (annual 12 micrograms per cubic meter)

While the District met the standard for PM 10 in 2006, the District is working on a plan to demonstrate maintenance for that standard.

Complete details on the District's proposed PM2.5 Attainment Plan and PM 10 Maintenance Plan are available at: <http://www.valleyair.org/pmplans/>.

