

VALLEY AIR NEWS

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Go electric over gas for your lawn

Grass is growing fast this time of year. So, it's time to break out your old gas mower and...no, don't start it up! Here's a much better option; take it to a nearby dismantler, where it will be crushed and recycled for its raw material.

You can then turn around, purchase one of the many eligible, electric lawn mowers and receive a huge rebate through the Valley Air District's Clean Green Yard Machines lawn mower trade-in program.

CGYM Manufacturer's List

An electric mower works just as well as gas for your residential lawn, with no emissions, no breaking your back on a pull chord, no gas or oil spills and it's much quieter.

This popular program is open to all San Joaquin Valley residents and offers as much as \$250 back on the cost of an eligible electric mower.

Before purchasing a new mower, or junking your old one, interested Valley residents should take a close look at the rebate process and follow the instructions carefully on the District's



website. Not all lawnmowers are eligible for the rebate.

www.valleyair.org/lawnmower

You must take your old gas mower to a participating recycler in order to verify mower retirement and be eligible for your rebate. Luckily, there are 13 such recyclers throughout the San Joaquin Valley.

CGYM Participating Dismantlers

While on the District's website, you may want to look at the District's long list of incentive and grant programs, used to reduce emissions Valley-wide.

In addition to Clean Green Yard Machines, there are also incentives to purchase electric vehicles, upgrade your older residential wood burning device to something much cleaner, catch a ride in a vanpool, and get a free vehicle emissions test to ensure that your car is "smog-ready." Here is the link to our grants webpage:

<http://valleyair.org/grants/>

40% of all trips in the U.S. are less than two miles, making bicycling a feasible and fun way to get to work.

The League of American Bicyclists



Stockton Police rode as a team as part of the city of Stockton's Bike-to-Work Day event.

Celebrating National Bike Month

In addition to being National Air Quality Awareness Month and International Asthma Awareness Month, May is also National Bike Month.

The annual observance helps to increase interest in one of the most efficient ways possible to get from one place to another; human power.

The advantages of bicycling to work or school are nearly boundless and include reducing traffic congestion, often being able to bypass traffic, getting great exercise, enjoying scenery and saving thousands of dollars on vehicle maintenance, gas and auto insurance. You also save space since parking is usually not an issue, and the biggie, no air pollution is emitted from bicycles.

May 16-20 is National Bike-to-Work Week. Bike-to-Work Day events take place all over the Valley this month, including, Stockton, Modesto, Fresno, Bakersfield, Newman, Merced, Oakdale, Escalon and Lodi.

The Valley Air District is a strong supporter of this great mode of transportation.



Valley Air District employees proudly participated in Fresno's Mall-to-Mall Ride.



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