



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Year-Round Electric Lawn & Garden Rebate Program

Q: What are the dates of the Rebate Program?

A: It is a year-round program that will remain open until all dedicated funding is expended, and the Program could be augmented with additional funds depending on its success.

Q: What types of equipment are eligible for the rebate?

A: Lawn mower, trimmer (can be weed-wacker, edger, brushcutter), leaf blower, and chainsaw are all eligible. The equipment must be cordless electric models.

Q: How many rebates can I receive?

A: Each applicant can receive a maximum of 3 rebates, and they must be for different category of equipment. The 3-rebate use with cap is for the life of the program. As an example, if you have received a rebate for an electric lawn mower, you are not eligible for another lawn mower rebate.

Q: Does the new electric lawn and garden equipment purchased have to include the battery and charger?

A: Yes. or it won't be eligible for the rebate.

Q: How much is the rebate amount?

A: For new electric equipment priced \$250 or less, the rebate is \$150; \$251-\$400 purchase price, a \$200 rebate; and \$401 or more purchase price, a \$250 rebate, but the rebate amount cannot be greater than the purchase price.

Q: Does the price range include sales tax and shipping charges?

A: No, it is based on the base price of the new electric lawn & garden equipment excluding sales tax, shipping charges, accessories, and other costs.

Q: How is the rebate processed?

A: This is not a discount at point of purchase. Once you complete your application and submit a copy of your sales receipt and proof of scrapping your old gas equipment you will be sent a check for the eligible rebate amount. The check will be made payable to the applicant and mailed to the address that you entered on your application. This process should take 3-4 weeks.

Q: What if I already purchased the new electric lawn and garden equipment?

A: You are eligible for the rebate if you purchased your new cordless battery-operated electric lawn and garden equipment on or after July 1, 2024.

Q: Can I buy a refurbished or used electric lawn & garden equipment?

A: No; only new cordless electric equipment may be purchased to be eligible for the rebate.

Q: Can I purchase more than one electric lawn and garden equipment?

A: This Program provides up to 3 rebates per applicant/per address, but the 3 rebates must be for 3 different categories of equipment.

- Q: Are commercial lawn mowers eligible for exchange?
A: No; this program is for residential home-users exchanging older working gasoline-powered lawn mowers for new cordless electric lawn mowers.
- Q: What if the manufacturer of my new electric mower isn't on the list?
A: At the time of SCAQMD's program launch there were 23 companies manufacturing battery-powered electric lawn mowers but more are coming out regularly, so please call us and we will determine if it is appropriate to add a manufacturer to the choices listed in the dropdown box.
- Q: Can I buy my new electric mower online?
A: Yes; battery-powered electric lawn mowers are available online as well as in local hardware and home improvement stores.
- Q: Can I use a dismantling/scraping company not on your list?
A: No; you must use one of our approved dismantling companies to be eligible for the rebate.
- Q: What if I don't live in one of the four counties?
A: The rebate is available only to those living in SCAQMD's area of jurisdiction, which is all of Orange County and the urban portions of Los Angeles, Riverside and San Bernardino counties; if you are not sure of your eligibility, please check your zip code at www.aqmd.gov/home/about/jurisdiction.
- Q: Am I still eligible for the rebate if my older gasoline mower no longer works?
A: No, the Program is designed to reduce emissions and clean the air so you must scrap a working gasoline mower.
- Q: What happens to the old gasoline-powered lawn mower I turned into the dismantler?
A: Any residual fuel or oil is removed and environmentally disposed and the engine is permanently destroyed with the recovered metal recycled.
- Q: Why isn't the SCAQMD offering the traditional exchange program it has been doing for the last 14 years?
A: SCAQMD wants to offer more convenience and choices for the consumer including a year-round program that allows for selection of various mower brands and price ranges.
- Q: Who can I contact if I need more information?
A: You can visit our website at www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower, email your question to lawnmower@aqmd.gov or call 888-425-6247 (Tuesday-Friday).