FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT PROGRAM

1. **What is the purpose of this program?**  The goal of this program is to improve air quality by scrapping older, polluting commercial lawn and garden equipment and purchasing zero emission, battery-electric commercial grade equipment for operation within South Coast AQMD’s four-county region.

2. **Who is eligible to participate in the program?** Eligible participants in the program include commercial gardeners and landscapers, local government agencies, school districts and colleges, and non-profit organizations.

3. **How is this program funded?** Funding for the exchange program is provided by SCAQMD’s Air Quality Investment Program and a U.S. EPA Targeted Air Shed Grant.

4. **Is this a rebate program?** No, a discount is applied at point of purchase, with the exchange of an equivalent, operable gasoline- or diesel-powered piece of equipment.

5. **Will there be any sales tax applied to the purchase price?** Pursuant with state law, sales tax will be charged on the full retail value of each piece of equipment.

6. **Can non-operational equipment be exchanged for new electric lawn or garden equipment?** No the equipment being exchanged must be operational.

7. **How many manufacturers are participating in the program?** The following four manufacturers currently offer multiple dealer locations throughout SCAQMD’s four county region: HUSQVARNA, MAKITA, MEAN GREEN MOWERS and STIHL

8. **What are the types of electric lawn and garden equipment available for purchase in the program?** The lawn and garden equipment available for exchange in the program includes handheld trimmers, chainsaws, pruners, backpack and handheld blowers and ride-on, stand-on, walk-behind and robotic lawn mowers.

9. **Are residential homeowners eligible for the program?** No, this program is only for commercial lawn and garden equipment and not for residential use.

10. **If my question has not been answered via the frequently asked questions list, is there someone I can speak with directly?** Yes, you may call 888-425-6247 (Tuesday-Friday) or email your question to lawngarden@aqmd.gov.

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