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 six manufacturers currently offer multiple dealer locations throughout SCAQMD’s four county region: ECHO, HUSQVARNA, MAKITA, MEAN GREEN MOWERS, OREGON 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.