

## **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](mailto:lawngarden@aqmd.gov).