

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 the South Coast AQMD, the Carl Moyer Program, and funds from the U.S. EPA Targeted Air Shed Grant.
- 4. How does the process work?** If you are an eligible participant, you would start by visiting one of the participating program retailers listed on our website (www.aqmd.gov/lawngarden). The retailer will help you determine eligibility, assist with selecting eligible commercial-grade lawn and garden equipment and will apply for a voucher on your behalf. The retailer will submit the voucher application for South Coast AQMD approval. Once approved, you would bring your old, gas- or diesel-powered commercial lawn and garden equipment for the retailer to send to the dismantler and pick up your new replacement battery-powered electric equipment at a discounted price.
- 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?** Some of the manufacturers that will participate in the program include HUSQVARNA, MAKITA, MEAN GREEN MOWERS and STIHL. However, additional manufacturers will be added and will be listed on the main program webpage at www.aqmd.gov/lawngarden.
- 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 thru Friday) or email your question to lawngarden@aqmd.gov.