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# Residents Can Trade in Old Gas-Powered Equipment at South Coast AQMDs Lawn and Garden Exchange

Ditch Gas, Go Electric, and Save Up to 75%

**DIAMOND BAR, CA.** – The South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) is inviting residents to participate in the 2025 Residential Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment Exchange Event on **Saturday, June 28, 2025**, at **Riverside City College**. Participants can exchange up to three old, gas-powered lawn and garden equipment for new, battery-electric models while saving up to 75% off retail prices. South Coast AQMD will kick off its first event in Riverside County, with additional events planned across our basin.

Gas-powered lawn and garden equipment are significant sources of smog-forming emissions. Using a gas-powered lawn mower for just one hour can produce as much air pollution as driving a car from Los Angeles to Las Vegas. Since 2017, the original Residential Electric Lawn Mower Rebate Program has achieved emission reductions in the South Coast Air Basin of approximately 1.4 tons per year of volatile organic compounds and 0.28 tons per year of nitrogen oxides. An increase in emission reduction can be expected with the program expansion.

### **Event Details**

- When: Saturday, June 28, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m.
- Where: Riverside City College (Parking Lot E), 4800 Magnolia Ave., Riverside, CA 92506

### Why Attend?

- Save up to 75% on battery-electric replacements.
- Cleaner Air, Quieter equipment: Electric equipment produces zero tailpipe emissions and operates at much quieter noise levels.
- Hassle-Free Maintenance: No oil changes and gas refills—electric equipment is easy to use and maintain.

## What's Available?

South Coast AQMD has expanded its rebate program. You can now choose from a variety of discounted equipment, all equipped with a **battery and charger** including:

- Lawn Mowers (Push & Self-Propelled)
- Handheld Equipment: Blowers, String Trimmers, Hedge Trimmers, Brush Cutters, and Chainsaws

### How to Participate

- 1. Pre-register online and complete payment by June 26, 2025, at <u>agza.net/exchanges</u>.
- 2. Bring your old gas-powered equipment (up to three) to the event.
- 3. Exchange them for new battery-electric models at a fraction of the cost!

For more information on South Coast AQMD's Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment Rebate Program and online exchange option, visit <u>www.aqmd.gov/lawnmower</u>

For event inquiries, visit agza.net/exchanges or contact (818) 400-2971 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

South Coast AQMD is the regulatory agency responsible for improving air quality for large areas of Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties, including the Coachella Valley. For news, air quality alerts, event updates and more, please visit us at <u>www.aqmd.gov</u>, download our award-winning <u>app</u>, or follow us on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>X</u> (formerly known as Twitter) and <u>Instagram</u>.

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