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**Air District offers electric equipment to commercial
lawn care operators**

Zero-emission program promotes air-friendly practices

Commercial lawn care operators are invited to participate in a pilot program to use and evaluate zero-emission lawn and garden equipment.

The Valley Air District is accepting applications through Sept. 20 for the new Cordless Zero-Emission Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Demonstration Program. The pilot program is open only to commercial lawn care operations located in the Valley air basin and must be used in non-residential applications.

Participating companies can choose from a list of approved vendors offering battery-operated equipment that includes commercial-rated, self-propelled and cordless lawnmowers, sweepers, blowers, chain saws and trimmers. An Air District grant program will fund the demonstration equipment for companies and public agencies selected for the program.

Right now, zero-emission equipment is limited in the commercial sector. The demonstration will give participants hands-on familiarity with the equipment and help further improve the use of clean technologies.

“Through everyday use of this cutting-edge equipment, companies will be able to evaluate its performance,” says Seyed Sadredin, the Valley Air District’s executive director and air pollution control officer. “We hope this study will accelerate acceptance of clean-air equipment and build upon the progress already made in the residential sector.”

Eligible applicants are public agencies that have their own lawn care maintenance teams and private, professional, licensed landscape businesses, including those that contract with public agencies.

Applications are available at
http://www.valleyair.org/Grant_Programs/GrantPrograms.htm#CordlessLawnMachine
and will be accepted by mail or in person only.

For more information about the Cordless Zero-Emission Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Demonstration Program, visit weberip@valleyair.org or call District staff at 559-230-5800.