



VALLEY AIR NEWS

Lawn mower trade-in begins Earth Day weekend New program eliminates long lines

Clean Green Yard Machines 2007 begins Earth Day weekend, offering Valley residents an even easier method of retiring those old, gas-burning lawn mowers in exchange for an incredible price on electric mowers.

Each year, the Air District offers residents huge discounts on non-polluting mowers. One gas mower can emit as much pollution as 40 new or late-model cars operating over the same period of time. Electric mowers produce no on-site emissions, are lighter, quieter and easy to use.

This year, participants won't have to wait in long lines at single-day events or travel outside their county to take advantage of this offer. Instead, the Air District will give Valley residents a six-week period to request a program voucher, turn in their old, gas-powered mowers at a recycling center in their county, and purchase a new, cordless, electric mower for just \$150 (regular price: \$418.95).

Here's how the program works:

- Upon request, the Air District will provide a coded voucher to a Valley resident.
- The resident then takes the voucher and their old mower, drained of all fluids, to a participating recycler.
- Once the retired mower is received, the recycler will add a coded sticker to the voucher.
- The resident can then call the Neuton Lawn Company's toll-free number to order their new mower, including a rear bag, rechargeable battery and mulching kit, at 64 percent off the regular price.
- The new mower will be delivered directly to the customer's home within a few days.



Valley residents can request a voucher from the Air District beginning April 21 by e-mailing public.education@valleyair.org, or by calling one of the three District offices beginning April 23: in Modesto, 209-557-6400; in Bakersfield, 661-326-6900; and in Fresno, 559-230-5800. For more information, visit www.valleyair.org.

This year's Clean Green Yard Machines program is cosponsored by The Neuton Lawn Mower Company; The California Air Resources Board; PG&E; and the counties of Stanislaus, Merced and Tulare. Participating recycling companies are Atwater Iron and Metal; Golden State Metals; J & H Metals; Levi's Iron and Metal; Madera County Resource Management Agency; Modesto Junk Company; Stockton Recycling Center and Tulare County Recycling.



Air District rolls out redesigned elementary school curriculum

The Air District's specially designed, elementary-school curriculum has gotten a makeover and is ready for summer distribution!

Blue Sky, Brown Sky, for grade levels K-2 and 3-5, teaches students about the Valley's air pollution and its health effects in a way that is fun and easy to understand and learn.

And it's free to Valley teachers!

With the workbooks geared to grade level, students will learn about the causes of air pollution, major pollutants and their sources, how air pollution affects their health, what they and their families can do to reduce air pollution and historical air-quality regulations.

Teachers receive a comprehensive guide that incorporates California education standards, making it easy to work air-quality education into science or health classroom studies.

Blue Sky, Brown Sky also includes incentive items such as pencils, erasers and stickers..

Interested teachers can contact the Air District at any of the three regional offices to find out how they can receive the curriculum for the 2007-08 school year. An online order form is also available at www.valleyair.org.

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