

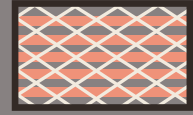
VALLEY AIR NEWS

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HOW CAN YOU PROTECT YOURSELF & OTHERS?



STAY INDOORS
If you see or smell smoke



REPLACE AIR FILTERS
More frequently than usual



FACE MASKS
*Some masks are more effective than others,
check with your health care provider*



CONSULT YOUR DOCTOR
*If you are experiencing health
impacts due to poor air quality*



Incentives available for a variety of zero-emission yard care tools

Did you know that a gas-powered lawn mower produces higher levels of pollution than a car? Recent reports from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) tell us that because these mowers are not equipped with the same emission controls used in motor vehicles, operating a gas mower for one hour produces the equivalent pollution of driving 12 late-model cars for the same amount of time.

Now, you can easily switch over from gas mowers, as well as trimmers, edgers, pole saws and chain saws, to their emission-free, electric counterparts, which work just as well, and are usually lighter, quieter and easier to operate and maintain.

Through the Valley Air District's Clean Green Yard Machines incentive program, you'll get rebates of up to \$250 when trading in a gas mower to purchase an electric, and up to \$50 when making a straight purchase of electric mowers and other electric yard care equipment over gas.

Get the application and guidelines by visiting valleyair.org/cgym. Once there, be sure to check your address to see if you qualify for enhanced funding available to residents in AB 617 communities.

District provides valuable resources for protection during wildfires

The District's Wildfire Information Page offers one location to answer all your questions when wildfires impact the San Joaquin Valley. Located at valleyair.org/wildfires, the page contains many resources on air quality, health and safety as it relates to wildfires, including:

- A list of current fires affecting Valley air quality with a link to each fire's incident page, which has details on fire location, size, level of containment, date of origin and number of personnel working to manage the situation.
- A list of recent fires that are no longer active
- Videos on how to protect yourself from wildfire smoke
- District information on the health impacts of wildfire smoke
- Infographics on steps to prevent smoke from entering your home, filtering the air in your home and preventing smoke inhalation.
- A link to view air monitoring stations near fires and throughout California
- Info from Cal/OSHA on protecting workers during wildfires and other emergencies
- A link to the most recent District press releases alerting media and the public on current wild fires
- Access to the District's Real-time Air Advisory Network (RAAN) and other web resources for current air quality conditions.

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