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Lawn mower trade-in returns to the Valley

The Valley Air District invites Valley residents to trade in old, gas-burning lawn mowers for a discounted non-polluting model through the Clean Green Yard Machines lawn mower trade-in program.

Clean Green Yard Machines, the annual incentive program conducted by the Air District to raise public awareness of the contribution gas mowers make to the Valley's summertime smog problem, begins on May 14. The program gives Valley residents a \$130 discount on an electric lawn mower, regularly priced at \$229.99, when they trade in their used, gas-burning mowers. Local scrap-metal companies will recycle the old mowers.

"This is just another way Valley residents use their power as consumers. The lawn mower exchange program educates valley residents on the impact of gas powered lawn equipment while also giving them a low-cost alternative," said Dave Crow, the District's Air Pollution Control Officer. One gas mower can emit as much pollution as 40 late-model cars operating over the same period of time. Electric mowers produce no emissions.

Valley residents are urged to take advantage of this limited offer by bringing their gasoline-powered mowers, **drained of all fluids**, to the following events:

- Saturday, May 14, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Home Depot, 1617 N. Carpenter Rd., Modesto;
- Sunday, May 15, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Home Depot, 7150 N. Abbey St., Fresno; and
- Saturday, June 11, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Home Depot, 2655 Mt. Vernon Ave., Bakersfield.

Supplies are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The first 240 people arriving at each event with a trade-in mower will receive a

voucher to purchase a Black & Decker MM875 corded electric mower through Home Depot for only \$100, plus tax. Individuals are allowed one voucher per person and the voucher must be used at Home Depot during the hours of event.

The Air District thanks the following partners and sponsors for making this event possible: Black & Decker; Home Depot; Stanislaus County Environmental Resources Department;. Valley Clean Air Now; PG&E; Merced County Environmental Health; City of Lodi Municipal Utility Co.; the Environmental Health Institute; Golden State Metals; Heppner Iron and Metal; and Modesto Junk Co.

The San Joaquin Valley air basin is classified by the Environmental Protection Agency as “Serious Non-Attainment” for the national eight-hour ozone standard and must reduce ozone pollution within the District’s eight counties: San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare and the Valley portion of Kern.

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