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**AQMD'S 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LAWN MOWER EXCHANGE PROGRAM  
KICKS OFF THIS WEEKEND**

*Hundreds of Residents Already Registered for Six Events*

The South Coast Air Quality Management District will host the first of six lawn mower exchange events this weekend, offering residents the opportunity to improve air quality and save money by replacing gasoline mowers with deeply discounted zero-emission battery electric models.

The program usually sells out each year. Residents are encouraged to sign up early so they don't miss out. Since the annual program began in 2003, residents have exchanged 43,438 mowers.

"The popularity of this program has been phenomenal," said [William A. Burke](#), Ed.D., AQMD's Governing Board Chairman. "While saving hundreds of dollars on zero-pollution mowers, residents also helped eliminate tons of pollution from Southland skies."

The popular program allows residents to trade a working gasoline lawn mower for a new, zero-emission battery-electric model at a substantial discount. This year 4,000 electric mowers will be available for only \$100 to \$280, depending on which of six models a consumer chooses.

In 2003 – the first year of the program - residents waited in long lines to participate in the program. Since then residents have pre-registered for an exchange event and time that fits their schedule. Residents enjoy drive-through convenience at the exchange events and typically drive off with their new mower in less than 15 minutes.

**Pre-registration is required.** To pre-register, residents can visit [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov) and click on the lawn mower exchange banner or call 1-888-425-6247. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Telephone registration is also available in English and Spanish.

AQMD will host six events across the Southland on Saturdays between May 19 and July 14. Residents living within AQMD's [four-county jurisdiction](#) must show proof of residency and can register for any event regardless of where they reside in the region.

This year, residents have six models to choose from:

- [Black & Decker](#) CM 1836 (36-volt, 18-inch cutting width) **\$100** (*retail price: \$379*)
- Black & Decker CM 1936 (36-volt, 19-inch cutting width) **\$180** (*retail price: \$429*)
- Black & Decker SPCM 1936 (36-volt, 19-inch cutting width, self propelled) **\$250** (*retail price: \$479*)
- Black & Decker CM 1936 ZF2 (36-volt, 19-inch cutting width, extra battery, fast charger) **\$280** (*retail price: \$549*)
- [GreenStation](#) N-1 (24-volt, 20-inch cutting width) **\$150** (*retail price: \$430*)
- GreenStation N-2 (24-volt, 20-inch cutting width, self-propelled) **\$220** (*retail price: \$470*)

Residents must be at least 18 years old to participate in the program. Gas-powered mowers must be in working order and only one mower per household can be exchanged. Cash, check or major credit cards are accepted for payment.

Exchanging a mower is easy and convenient and participants never have to leave their car. Upon arrival, workers will remove the old gas mower from the vehicle and drain it of hazardous fluids prior to its destruction at a metal recycling facility. After payment is made, attendants will place the new, boxed mower in the customer's vehicle. To view a [video](#) on the exchange process, visit [www.aqmd.gov](http://www.aqmd.gov).

Beginning June 9, free Go Green! Lawn and Garden Expos will be held during the exchange events. The Expos will showcase eco-friendly lawn-care equipment and related green products and services available that save energy, conserve water and help the public maintain the garden they want. The expos are open to the public and no pre-registration is required. Participation in a lawn mower exchange event is not required to attend the Expos.

When the program ends this summer, AQMD will have scrapped more than 47,000 highly polluting gasoline mowers, removing almost 98 tons of smog-forming volatile organic compound emissions from the Southland's air.

This year's program is sponsored by the AQMD, in cooperation with Southern California Edison and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. This year's program is funded through the state's Carl Moyer Program designed to reduce engine emissions from vehicles and equipment, and AQMD's [Air Quality Investment Program](#) (AQIP), which is financed by Southland companies that pay a fee in lieu of offering rideshare incentives as required by AQMD's [Rule 2202](#).

All events will take place on Saturdays starting at 8 a.m. and ending at noon.

Date	City
May 19	Indio
June 9	Pasadena
June 16	Rancho Cucamonga
June 23	Long Beach
June 30	Anaheim
July 14	Riverside

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