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*Make the Clean Air Choice!*

## **BUY AN ELECTRIC MOWER FOR \$100 OFF**

Beginning this Saturday, Bay Area residents can make a clean air choice by exchanging their old gas-powered lawn mower for a "clean air" electric mower at a substantial discount. At mower exchange events sponsored by the Bay Area Air District, residents can get an instant discount of \$100 off either a Black & Decker MM 575 or MM 875 corded mower. These mowers, which normally retail for \$199 and \$229 will be available for the reduced price of \$99 and \$129, respectively, plus tax, with a gas mower trade-in. The old gasoline mowers will be crushed and recycled. **Each event is open to all Bay Area residents.**

"This event gives Bay Area residents an opportunity to make a clean air choice," said Jack Broadbent, the Air District's Executive Officer. "We hope to exchange approximately 1,200 gasoline lawn mowers at three local events for new, less-polluting models," said Broadbent.

**FACTS-** In the spring and summer, gasoline-powered lawn mowers create an estimated eight tons of air pollution every day in the Bay Area. Running a gas mower for an hour pollutes as much as forty late-model cars idling for the same time period. Grass trimmings also make up a significant portion of the waste that gets buried in local landfills. By switching to an electric mulching mower, residents save money, and cut down on air pollution and reduce yard waste to ZERO.

Mowers must be drained of oil and gas. Don't pour used oil and gas on the ground or down the storm drain. Store it in a container, and call your local solid waste management agency for disposal information.

Mowers are available on a first come, first served basis; supplies are limited. For more info, residents should call **1-800-HELP-AIR** or go to **[www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)**.

<b>Sunnyvale</b>	May 7	8:00 – noon	Sunnyvale Home Depot, 680 Kifer Road
<b>Pleasanton</b>	May 14	8:00 – noon	Pleasanton Home Depot, 6000 Johnson Drive
<b>Concord</b>	May 21	8:00 – noon	Concord Home Depot, 2090 Meridian Park Blvd.