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Butte County AQMD Re-Launching Lawn & Garden Equipment Voucher Program Issued by the Butte County Air Quality Management District

The Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) is opening a new application period to help local landscapers, businesses, and residents replace their existing gas-powered lawn and garden equipment with cordless battery-powered equipment.

Businesses and Butte County residents can apply with the District to receive a voucher that will reduce the cost of new zero-emission equipment purchased from local Participating Merchants. Vouchers can be used to purchase new cordless battery-powered chainsaws, trimmers, edgers, leaf blowers, and mowers. Commercial vouchers range from \$700 to \$15,000 depending on equipment type. Residential vouchers range from \$300 to \$2,000. The voucher can also help cover the cost of extra batteries and charging equipment. The old combustion equipment must be destroyed in coordination with Participating Merchants as part of this program

Diesel and gasoline-fueled landscaping equipment emits smog-forming pollution. In addition to the emissions benefit, electric landscaping equipment is also quieter for both the operator and those nearby.

Applications will be accepted through **February 14, 2025**. \$110,000 in funding is available county-wide with the possibility of additional funds later in 2025. An additional \$280,000 is available for applicants in statedefined Disadvantaged Communities (Chapman/Fair St. area of Chico, portions of Thermalito, and Tribal Communities). Funding comes from the Carl Moyer Program, a statewide program that has advanced lowemission and zero-emission technologies for over 25 years. Additional support comes from Community Air Protection Incentives - part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Capand-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment.



To Apply

Applications are available on the District's website at <u>www.butteairquality.com</u> or at the District office in Chico. A photo of existing equipment is required along with the application. Vouchers will include a list of Participating Merchants.

Completed applications and inquiries can be submitted to:

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