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

The Butte County Air Quality Management District (District) is launching a program to help local landscapers, businesses, public agencies, and non-profits replace their existing gas-powered lawn and garden equipment with cordless battery-powered equipment.

Businesses and organizations can apply with the District to receive a voucher that will reduce the cost of new zero-emission equipment purchased from local Participating Merchants. The old combustion equipment will be handed over to be destroyed as part of this program. Vouchers can be used to purchase new cordless battery-powered chainsaws, trimmers, edgers, leaf blowers, and mowers. The voucher can also help cover the cost of extra batteries and charging cords.

Today, operating a commercial gas-powered lawn mower for one hour emits as much smog-forming pollution as driving a gas car about 300 miles. For a commercial leaf blower, one hour of operation emits smog-forming pollution comparable to driving a gas car about 1,100 miles – over 15 hours of driving. Zero-emission equipment is also quieter for both the operator and those nearby.

\$263,000 in funding for this opportunity comes from the Carl Moyer Program, a statewide program that has advanced low-emission and zero-emission technologies for 25 years. An additional \$200,000 in Community Air Protection Incentives will be available for businesses and organizations operating in state-defined Disadvantaged Communities (Chapman and portions of Thermalito). Community Air Protection Incentives are part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment.



### To Apply

Applications are available while funding lasts on the District's website at [www.butteairquality.com](http://www.butteairquality.com) or at the District office in Chico. Vouchers will include a list of Participating Merchants.

Completed applications and inquiries can be submitted to:

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