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Lawn Mower Exchange Saves Money and Cleans the Air

March 1, 2011 - The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District (YSAQMD), the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the California Air Resources Board are sponsoring a mower exchange program for residents of Solano and Yolo counties that makes it easy and convenient to trade-in a polluting, gas-powered mower for a new cordless, rechargeable and more environmentally-friendly mower at a reduced price. The program begins with on-line registration on April 5. There are a limited number of mowers so it is on a first-come, first-served basis.

“Rechargeable mowers produce no on-site emissions, are lighter, quieter and easy to use,” according to Mat Ehrhardt, executive director of the YSAQMD. “Participants can choose between two sizes. The 14” cut model is \$149 (regular retail price \$399) and the 19” cut model is \$249 (regular retail price \$499). Both are a great buy in this economy and the shipping is free,” added Ehrhardt.

In addition, the Neuton mower includes three discharge options for your grass clippings: use the rear grass bag, the side discharge chute, or install the mulching plug to leave the nutrients on your lawn.

The exchange consists of three steps:

1. **GO ON-LINE** – On April 5, beginning at 6 am register on-line at www.neutonpower.com/YS to reserve a rechargeable mower and receive a voucher and instructions on how to turn in their gas powered mower. For those without internet access, call 800-463-4958.
2. **DROP OFF** – Qualified residents drop off a gas-powered mower at a participating recycler.
3. **DELIVER** – Qualified residents arrange payment with the manufacturer and a new mower is delivered to their home.

Participants do not have to wait in long lines at a single-day event or travel outside their county to take advantage of this offer. Instead, after residents call-in to confirm a mower reservation, they are given ample time to drop-off their gas mower at a participating local recycling center in either county. Participating drop-off sites for gas-mower recycling include Davis Waste Removal, Recology Vacaville Solano/Recology Dixon, Potrero Hills Landfill, Pacific Rim Recycling, Recology Vallejo, Recology Hay Road and Yolo County Central Landfill.

The voucher and trade-in allows Solano and Yolo county residents to purchase a zero-emission, cordless Neuton mower with their trade-in and save \$250. For more details on the mower, visit www.neutonpower.com/ys. For details on the program, contact the YSAQMD at (530) 757-3650 or (800) 287-3650 or visit www.ysaqmd.org.

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