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DEQ to Host Electric Lawn Equipment Discount and Exchange Event

Pre-pay registration required on April 13

SALT LAKE CITY — The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is offering 944 electric lawn mowers and 732 electric trimmers at a significant discount and even lower cost for those who scrap a gasoline-powered lawn mower and/or trimmer through its second Lawn Equipment Discount and Exchange Program event that will take place on Saturday, April 23.

But you must pre-register and pre-pay for the equipment on-line. Registration will be reserved on a first-come, first-served basis. The online registration at www.CARROT.deq.utah.gov opens **Wednesday, April 13th**, and the event will take place at the Multi Agency State Office Building, 195 N. 1950 West on Saturday, April 23.

The cost for the electric lawn mower will be \$175 or \$100 if a gasoline-powered lawn mower is scrapped. The cost for the electric trimmer will be \$75 or \$25 if a gasoline-powered trimmer is scrapped. DEQ is incentivizing homeowners to switch to electric lawn equipment because gasoline-powered equipment is a significant source of volatile organic compounds (VOC) that contribute to the formation of summer ozone.

The Lawn Equipment Discount and Exchange Program is funded through the Clean Air Retrofit, Replacement, and Off-Road Technology (CARROT) Program that was enacted by the 2014 Utah Legislature to encourage individuals, businesses, and local government to reduce emissions from vehicles, engines, and equipment. This event is the third segment of the 2015-16 CARROT Program. The first two segments of the CARROT Program occurred in January and awarded \$100,000 in grants for reducing emissions from heavy-duty diesel engines and \$300,000 to reduce diesel emissions from school buses. The CARROT Program did not receive funding from the 2016 Legislature for next year.

"We are grateful to the Legislature for funding these voluntary programs that create measurable benefits for public health and air quality," said Alan Matheson.

Emissions from one lawn mower operating for one hour are equivalent to emissions from a passenger car traveling 169 miles. Similarly, emissions from one trimmer operating for one hour are equivalent to emissions from traveling in a passenger car for 159 miles, according to air quality scientists.

To pre-register, and for more information on the program, visit www.CARROT.deq.utah.gov.

About DEQ: Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard public health and quality of life by protecting and enhancing the environment. DEQ implements state and federal environmental laws and works with individuals, community groups and businesses to protect the quality of Utah's air, land and water. For more information, visit www.deq.utah.gov, follow DEQ on Facebook ([utahdeq](https://www.facebook.com/utahdeq)) and Twitter ([UtahDEQ](https://twitter.com/UtahDEQ)), or call 1-800-458-0145.