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Cut Pollution: Mow Electric

The popular State of Utah Lawn Mower Exchange is back!

SALT LAKE CITY — Starting Tuesday, residents in Weber, Davis, Salt Lake, Tooele and Utah counties will have an opportunity to cut harmful summertime air pollution by participating in the 2019 State of Utah Lawn Mower Exchange, funded through Utah's Clean Air Retrofit Replacement and Off-Road Technology (CARROT) Program.

Running a gas-powered lawn mower emits harmful pollution-causing emissions that contribute to summertime ozone formation—a harmful pollutant that makes it harder to breathe. Upgrading to an electric lawn mower eliminates these harmful emissions and the Lawn Mower Exchange makes it easy for Wasatch Front residents to make the switch.

Residents are eligible for a \$99 electric lawn mower (a \$299 retail price) or \$49 electric trimmer (a \$149 retail price) when they trade in their old gas-powered equipment. This year's Lawn Mower Exchange Program will have 1,259 electric lawn mowers and 972 electric lawn trimmers split between three locations in Davis, Salt Lake, and Utah counties. To participate, residents must sign up between March 5-15, 2019 for a chance to be randomly selected. The date of the exchange event is April 27.

Electric lawn mowers and electric trimmers are an environmentally friendly alternative to gas-powered tools. Unlike gas mowers, electric alternatives don't emit pollutants that contribute to the formation of ozone. They also don't expose users to harmful gasoline fumes when they refuel and operate their equipment.

Fee waivers are available for low-income households. To qualify for a fee waiver: Applicants must demonstrate financial need by providing proof of participation in an assistance program, such as WIC, SNAP, free school lunch, Medicaid, CHIP for their dependents, or other assistance programs.

About the Program

Online sign up for the random-selection: March 5-15

Notification of selected participants: March 25-29

Exchange event: Saturday morning, April 27

More information and sign up: lawnmower.utah.gov

The Division of Air Quality's 2019 Utah State Lawn Mower Exchange is brought to residents through a partnership with Weber State University, Utah Valley University, Davis County Health Department, Weber Morgan Health Department, Utah County Health Department and Salt Lake County Health Department. Additional support comes from Rocky Mountain Power and Utah Clean Air Partnership (UCAIR).

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About DEQ

Established in 1991, the Utah Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) mission is to safeguard and improve Utah's air, land and water through balanced regulation. 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.

About Utah's Clean Air Retrofit Replacement and Off-Road Technology (CARROT) Program

The Utah Division of Air Quality administers several incentive programs created to encourage individuals and businesses to reduce emissions. More details regarding qualifications and how to apply for the programs are found at: <https://deq.utah.gov/tag/clean-air-retrofit-replacement-and-off-road-technology-carrot-program>