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MEDIA ADVISORY

Lawn Mower Exchange Program begins this weekend in Novato

SAN FRANCISCO – The first Bay Area lawn mower exchange event of the year will be held this Saturday, March 22, in Novato. The *Lawn Mower Exchange Program* allows Bay Area residents to trade-in a working gas mower for a significantly discounted new electric mower.

North Bay		
Saturday, March 22		
College of Marin, Indian Valley Campus – Parking Lot		
1800 Ignacio Blvd. Novato, CA		
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.		

Advance registration is required online at <u>http://www.blackanddecker.com/mowerevents</u> or by calling the Black & Decker hotline at (844) 262-3495, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 5 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each participant can select a convenient appointment time. Participants must be Bay Area residents and have proof of residence such as a recent utility bill or driver license. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. Supplies are limited.

Two Black & Decker cordless battery electric lawn mowers will be available with a gasoline mower trade-in, including:

Black & Decker (CM 1836) 18-Inch Cordless for \$110 Black & Decker (CM 1936) 19-Inch Cordless for \$190

Both electric lawn mowers have a 30-day manufacturer satisfaction guarantee and two-year warranty.

Upcoming lawn mower exchange events:

South Bay	East Bay
Saratoga	Oakland
April 5	April 26
West Valley College	Oakland International Airport
8 a.m. – 2 p.m.	8 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Exchanging a mower is easy and convenient. Upon arrival at the exchange event, workers will checkin participants, take old gas mowers and load the new selected electric mowers into vehicles. Old mowers will be scrapped and recycled by a dismantler in accordance with all environmental regulations. For more information about the exchange events, including specific locations and lawn mower specifications, visit: <u>http://www.blackanddecker.com/mowerevents</u>.

The *Lawn Mower Exchange Program* is funded through a grant to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District from the California Air Resources Board's *Air Quality Improvement Program* and through the Air District's Mobile Source Incentive Fund.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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