Bay Area Air District



Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Exchange Pilot Program (eL&G)

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The **Commercial Electric Lawn and Garden Equipment Exchange Pilot Program (eL&G)** provides voucher funding to replace older gasoline- and diesel-powered lawn and garden equipment with new zero-emission equipment. The program helps landscaping businesses, public agencies, and other eligible organizations reduce emissions and improve air quality throughout the Bay Area.

Eligibility

Who can apply:

- Government agencies
- Public schools
- Private landscaping and gardening businesses

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Have their primary place of business within the Air District
- Have at least two consecutive years of business operation and a valid business license or C-27 contractor license (unless exempt)
- Use the equipment being replaced within the Air District

Equipment Requirements

Equipment being replaced must:

- Be commercial-grade gasoline- or diesel-powered equipment
- Be operational and fully functional at the time of exchange
- Have been owned and operated by the applicant for at least two years prior to application
- Be surrendered for permanent destruction and recycling

New equipment must:

- Be new, cordless, and electric
- Perform the same general function as the equipment being replaced
- Be purchased through an approved vendor
- Be a one-for-one replacement within an eligible category

Funding Available by Equipment Type

ELIGIBLE EQUIPMENT AND MAXIMUM VOUCHER AMOUNT

COMMERCIAL GRADE EQUIPMENT	MAX VOUCHER AMOUNT
Chainsaws/Trimmers/ Edgers/Brush Cutters	$700
Leaf blowers/Vacuums	$1,400
Walk Behind Lawn Mowers	$1,500
Ride-on or Stand/Sit Mowers	$15,000

- Applicants may receive up to $200,000 in combined voucher funding across one or more projects
- Funding amounts vary by equipment type (see table above)
- Exchanges must be one-for-one and like-for-like in the same equipment category

Cost Share Requirements

- Participants must contribute a minimum of 15% of eligible equipment costs
- Government agencies and public schools are exempt from the cost-share requirement

Eligible Costs

Voucher funding may be applied toward:

- Electric lawn and garden equipment
- Batteries
- Chargers and compatible charging accessories
- Sales tax, freight, and warranty costs

How to Apply

1. Review program requirements at baaqmd.gov/lawngarden
2. Visit an Air District approved Vendor to select your new equipment
3. Submit an application in person at an Air District Approved Vendor location
4. Wait for application approval before purchasing equipment

Why Participate?

- Help improve air quality in Bay Area communities
- Save money with a point-of-sale-discount and low upfront costs
- Enjoy a streamlined equipment exchange process through an authorized vendor
- Save on fuel and maintenance costs
- Transition to clean, quieter, zero-emission equipment

For more information, and to check if you are eligible, visit: baaqmd.gov/lawngarden, or email **lawnandgarden@baaqmd.gov**

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