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**Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment Exchange
Registration Now Open**

April 8th Event to Feature Blowers & Trimmers Starting at \$90

Victorville –Emission-free electric lawn mowers, along with cordless electric blowers and trimmers, will be available starting at only \$90 to High Desert residents who pre-register for the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District’s Lawn & Garden Equipment Exchange, which is scheduled to take place at the Victorville Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 8, 2017.

Registrations are now being accepted accepted at <http://www.thegreenstationla.com/mojave>

Visually-impaired residents or those without Internet access may also register by calling 1-866-646-4652.

Only pre-registered residents may bring their operable, gasoline-powered lawn mower, blower or trimmer – emptied of all gas and oil – to the Fairgrounds between 8:00AM and 12:00 noon and exchange it for an EGO brand 21” electric mower with a 56 volt battery for \$150 (regular price: \$499), an EGO 56 volt 15” electric string trimmer for \$90 (MSRP: \$199) and/or an EGO 56 volt electric blower for \$90 (MSRP: \$199). Unregistered mowers, blowers and trimmers will not be accepted.

According to MDAQMD Executive Director Brad Poiriez, “Lawn mowers and other gasoline powered lawn and garden care equipment are the nation’s leading source of off-road emissions; one gas mower can pollute as much as 40 newer-model cars.” Poiriez also cited durability,

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portability and cost savings as added advantages of owning electric powered lawn equipment, since the lithium batteries used to power such equipment are designed to last longer and weigh less than traditional lead acid batteries. “For some residents, the lightweight design eliminates the need to purchase a self-propelled mower, which can result in significant cost savings along with enhanced environmental benefits,” said Poiriez.

In 2015 and 2016, the MDAQMD swapped out more than 150 mowers during each annual exchange. Because this year’s supply is also expected to go quickly, residents are encouraged to register early. For more information on the Electric Lawn Garden & Equipment Exchange, call the MDAQMD at (760) 245-1661 ext. 1885 or visit the District’s website at www.mdaqmd.ca.gov.

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