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## Landscape ReCharge Offering Vouchers to Commercial Landscapers to “Clear the Air”

*\$325 vouchers good toward battery-electric lawn maintenance equipment*

Commercial landscapers are paid to trim the trees, clear the weeds and remove leaves and debris from properties across Clark County. They keep things looking neat and beautiful. Now, Clark County’s Department of Environment and Sustainability (DES) wants to help them clear the air and reduce carbon emissions. DES is launching **Landscape ReCharge**, an incentive program that offers cash vouchers to local, commercial landscapers to exchange gas-powered lawn equipment for zero-emission, battery-electric, commercial-grade equipment.



“One commercial-grade, gas-powered leaf blower operating for an hour emits more pollutants than a 2017 Toyota Camry driving from Las Vegas to Los Angeles and back. Twice,” said DES Deputy Director Jodi Bechtel. “Through Landscape ReCharge, we are offering commercial landscapers—who work year-round in Clark County—an opportunity to help us protect the air we share, and become more carbon neutral, by switching to zero-emission, electric alternatives.”

According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, lawn maintenance equipment such as leaf blowers and lawn mowers create nearly 15 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) pollution each year, which is a major contributor to air pollution and greenhouse gases.

DES earmarked \$325,000 of its budget to fund Landscape ReCharge and is partnering with SA Recycling and The Home Depot to facilitate all exchanges. Bechtel said the department sees it as an investment in improving Clark County’s air quality.

“Equipment conversion may be cost prohibitive for business owners who might otherwise want to consider switching to electric,” said Bechtel. “Through Landscape ReCharge, we incentivize making that switch by picking up some of the cost because it will help protect the health of their employees, their clients, and the community...and this equipment is less noisy!”

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### ***Landscape ReCharge Offering Vouchers to Commercial Landscapers to “Clear the Air,” cont.***

#### **How to Apply for a Voucher**

Commercial landscape companies located in Clark County holding an official business license on file with the County are eligible to apply for Landscape ReCharge. Each \$325 voucher may be applied to one piece of exchanged equipment. Qualified applicants may request to exchange up to five pieces of lawn equipment. Other conditions may apply. Deadline to apply is Thursday, June 22.

Go to [PublicInput.com/LandscapeReCharge](https://PublicInput.com/LandscapeReCharge) for the application and additional information or send an email message to <mailto:LandscapeReCharge@ClarkCountyNV.gov>.

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#### **About the Department of Environment and Sustainability**

The Department of Environment and Sustainability is the air pollution control agency, regional Endangered Species Act compliance program, and sustainability office for all of Clark County, Nevada. Established as the Department of Air Quality by the Clark County Commission in 2001, it was renamed in 2020 and is comprised of two divisions: Air Quality and Desert Conservation Program. Through these two divisions, DES is ensuring the air we share meets healthful, regulatory standards, administering the County's Multiple Species Habitat Conservation Plan and addressing climate change through the All-In Clark County initiative.

Clark County is a dynamic and innovative organization dedicated to providing top-quality service with integrity, respect and accountability. With jurisdiction over the world-famous Las Vegas Strip and covering an area the size of New Jersey, Clark is the nation's 11<sup>th</sup>-largest county and provides extensive regional services to 2.3 million citizens and 45.6 million visitors a year (2019). Included are the nation's 8<sup>th</sup>-busiest airport, air quality compliance, social services and the state's largest public hospital, University Medical Center. The County also provides municipal services that are traditionally provided by cities to 1 million residents in the unincorporated area. Those include fire protection, roads and other public works, parks and recreation, and planning and development.