

# VALLEY AIR NEWS

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## District program provides free room air purifiers to many Valley residents

It's wildfire season, and at any moment a small spark can turn into a major fire with smoke impacting the health of Valley residents. To help residents create a dedicated room in their homes to breathe cleaner indoor air during smoke events, the Valley Air District relaunched its Clean Air Rooms program at the beginning of June.

The program, which initially launched last year as a pilot program, provides residents in disadvantaged and low-income communities one free single-room, portable air filtration unit and one replacement filter per address while supplies last. The device, which is shipped directly to applicants, will assist in purifying the air in a room during periods of poor air quality caused by wildfires.

Residents can check their eligibility and apply by visiting [valleyair.org/roompurifier](http://valleyair.org/roompurifier).



## New District program helps commercial landscape professionals switch to electric devices

Any landscapers need assistance replacing their gas-powered equipment with less polluting, electric zero emission models? The Valley Air District can help.

Last month, the Valley Air District launched the new Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment (ZELE) grant program to assist landscape maintenance professionals with trading in their existing gas- or diesel-powered equipment with new electric, zero-emission alternatives.

The program is open to commercial landscape maintenance professionals, school districts, cities, counties, special districts and other businesses and commercial entities in the Valley. Small businesses and public agencies may be eligible for up to 100% off the cost of the new equipment. Large businesses may be eligible for up to 85% off the cost of the new equipment.

Participants can receive incentives of up to \$15,000 per device for the purchase of various lawn equipment, including ride-on mowers, walk-behind mowers, edgers, string trimmers, hedge trimmers, and more.

Gas-powered yard care equipment poses a significant source of localized air pollution in Valley communities because these small engines lack emission controls and emit more pollutants than newer passenger vehicles. For example, one gas mower produces emissions equivalent to that of 12 late-model cars operating for the same length of time.

To learn more about the program or to apply, visit [valleyair.org/ZELE](http://valleyair.org/ZELE), email [grants@valleyair.org](mailto:grants@valleyair.org) or call (559) 230-5800.

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