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Exchange Your Gasoline Lawn Mower for a “Greener” One on March 13!

Lawn Mower Exchange on March 13 part of Tri-County Carolina Yard Experience

The public is invited to the second annual [Tri-County Lawn Mower Exchange!](#) The exchange is a featured part of the upcoming [Tri-County Carolina Yard Experience](#) event that will be held on Saturday, March 13, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Ladson Exchange Park, home of the Coastal Carolina Fair. The event is free to the public.

Residents of Charleston, Dorchester and Berkeley Counties can trade in their gasoline-powered mowers for a discount on the purchase of a new, energy-efficient, cordless electric mower. This year, several brands of mowers, reel mowers and electric and propane-powered yard tools will be available.

“At last year’s event, 135 battery-powered lawn mowers were purchased and over 150 gasoline mowers were recycled,” said Randy Cook, air quality planner with the S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC).

The prices and brands for the electric lawn mowers offered at the Tri-County Lawn mower Exchange are:

Lawn Mower			
Make	Model	Cutting Path	Price*
Black & Decker	CM1937	19 inches	\$376
Black & Decker	CMM1201	19 inches	\$296
Earthwise	60120	20 inches	\$340
Neuton	CE5	14 inches	\$274
Neuton	CE6	19 inches	\$374

* - price includes taxes

Retailers have discounted prices by a range of \$20 to \$100 for the March 13 event. A limited number of additional discounts of \$40 are available on a first-come, first-served basis with a lawn mower trade-in.

The Tri-County Lawn Mower Exchange aims to promote the importance of healthy air quality in South Carolina. Mobile sources such as cars and trucks are the single biggest source of air pollution in South Carolina. However, off-road sources such as gasoline-powered lawn mowers contribute significantly to air pollution as well. Using a gasoline-powered lawn mower for one hour generates the same air pollution as driving a typical car for 200 miles.

In addition Tri-County Lawn Mower exchange, the Tri-County Carolina Yard Experience offers visitors opportunities to learn how to keep their yards beautiful and low-maintenance, while preserving valuable natural resources. Everyone is asked to bring old electronics, pesticides, paints and other hazardous household materials to the event for recycling, and to bring a bucket to take away free compost in return.

The Lawn Mower Exchange is sponsored by Wilbur Smith, Kapstone, CSX Transportation, and Charleston County, Dorchester County, Berkeley County, Clemson Extension Master Gardeners, Clemson Cooperative Extension, the Exchange Park, S.C. Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), Ashley Cooper Stormwater

Education Consortium, Carolina Clear, Keep Charleston Beautiful, Lowcountry Earth Force and the City of Charleston.

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For more information on the Tri-County Lawn Mower Exchange visit www.charlestoncounty.org/departments/SolidWaste/lme.htm or call Randy Cook with SCDHEC at (843) 953-0150.