



## AGZA: The American Green Zone Alliance

WHO A leader in low – impact sustainable grounds maintenance strategies.

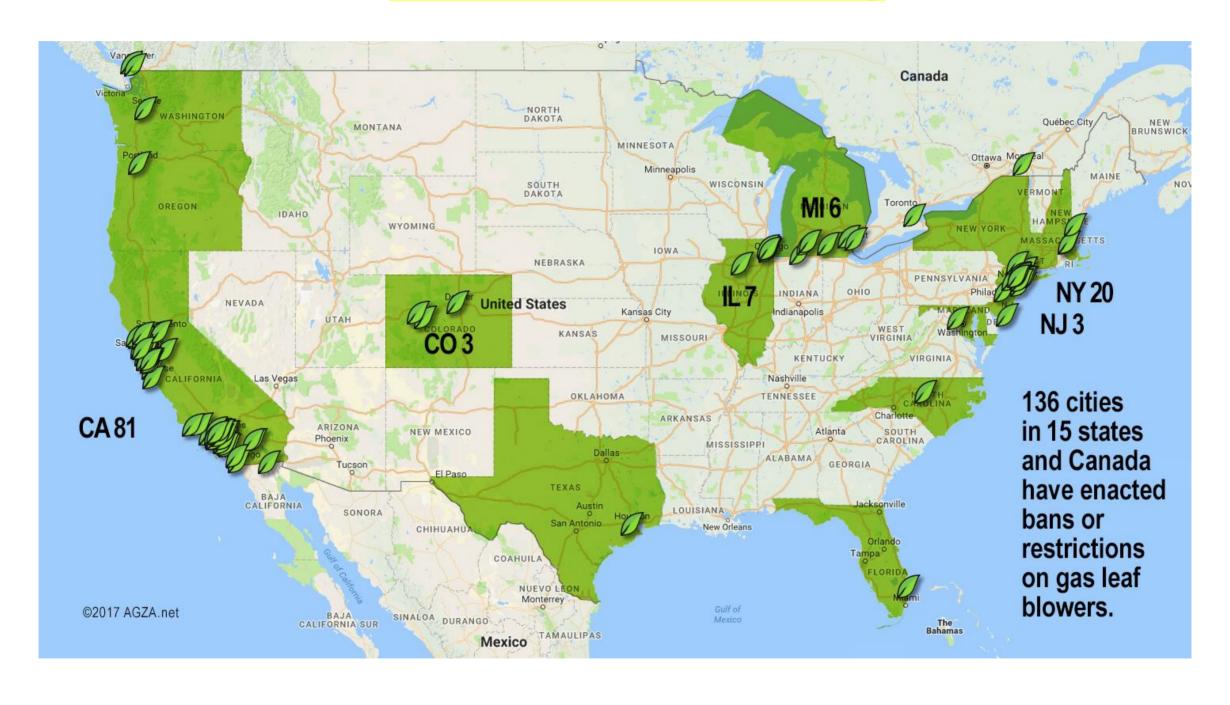
MISSION Prudently transition the grounds maintenance industry to quieter sustainable practices.

APPLICATIONS Commercial crews who service municipalities, schools, and residential properties.



## REGULATIONS, BANS, RESTRICTIONS, ENFORCMENT

## **Over 200 and Counting**





### **Top Ten Impacts of Gas Operations**



#### **EMISSIONS**



Poisonous, toxic gasses, GHGs, carcinogenic PM

#### **HEALTH RISKS**



Asthma, heart disease, hypertension,

#### **NOISE**



Tinnitus, hearing loss, headaches, stress, irritation

#### **VIRBRATION**



Tingling, numbness, hand-arm vibration syndrome

#### **GAS & OIL**



1.2 billion gallons burned,17 million spilled every year

#### **TOXIC WASTE**



Cans + rags of oil, cleaners, solvents, and degreasers

#### **SOLID WASTE**



Air & fuel filters, spark plugs, hoses, belts

#### **INEFFICIENT**



High friction and heat, only 20% - 40% efficiency

#### MAINTENANCE



Frequent maintenance and parts replacement

#### **EXPENSE**

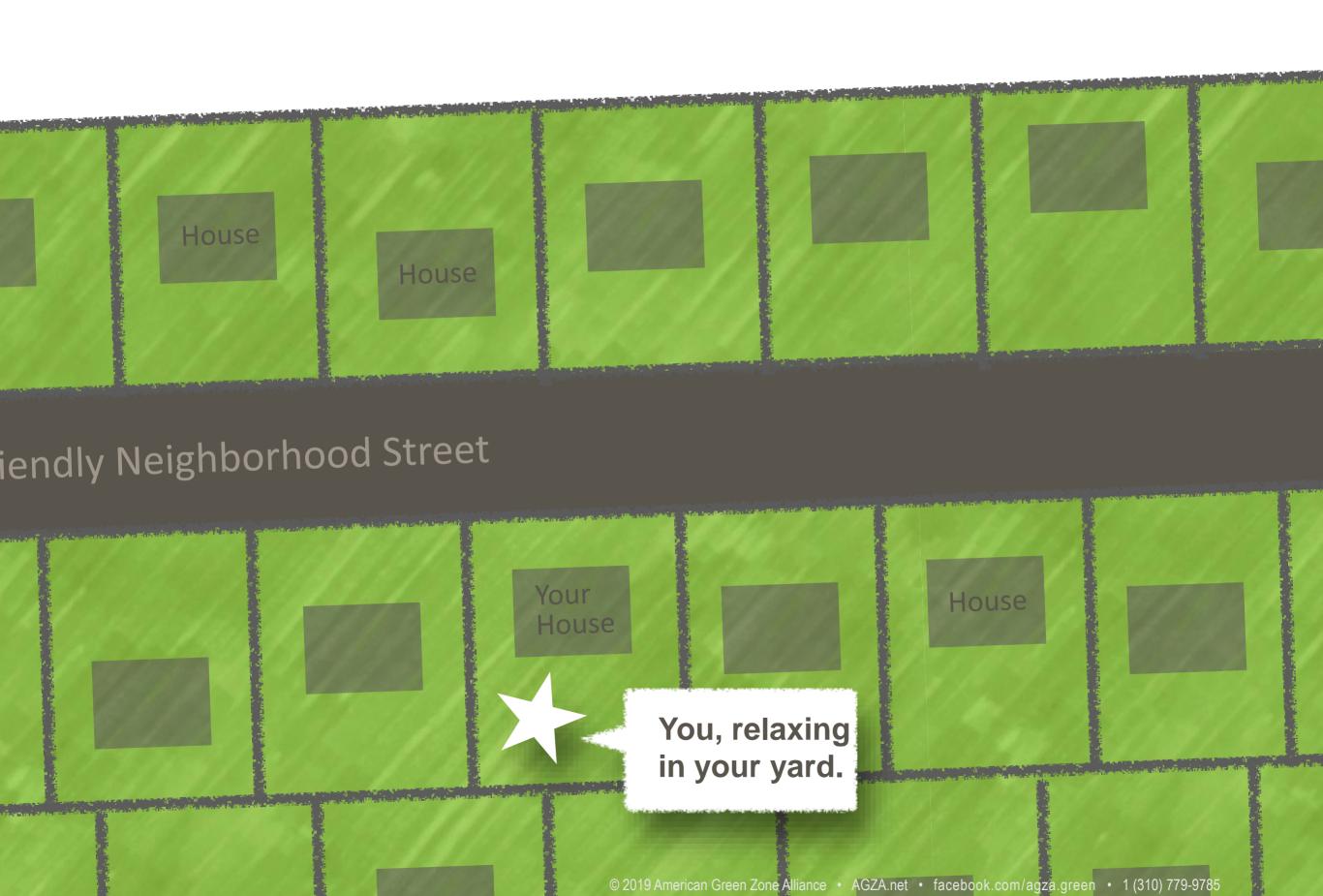


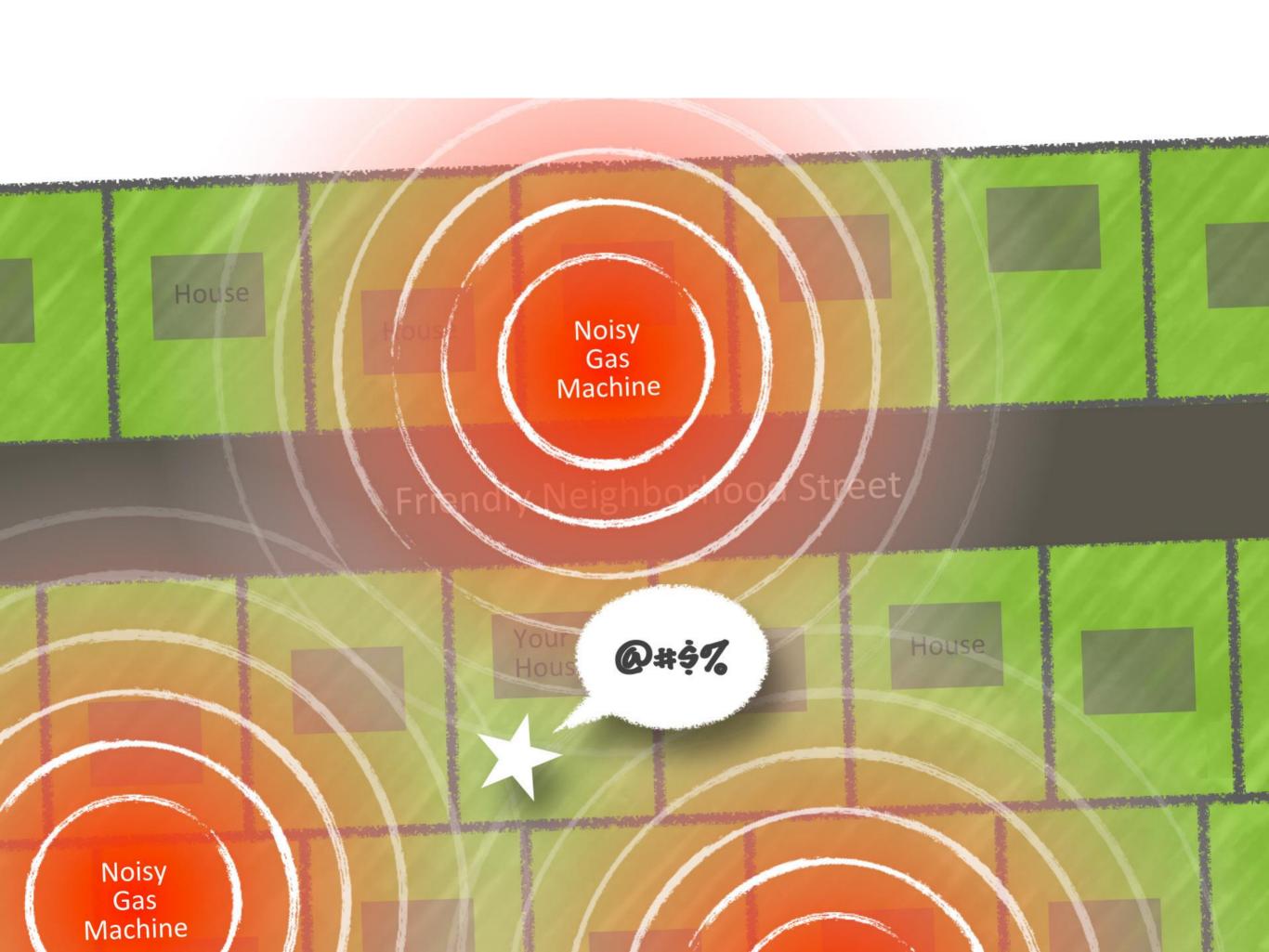
High operational cost of fuel, oil, and repairs

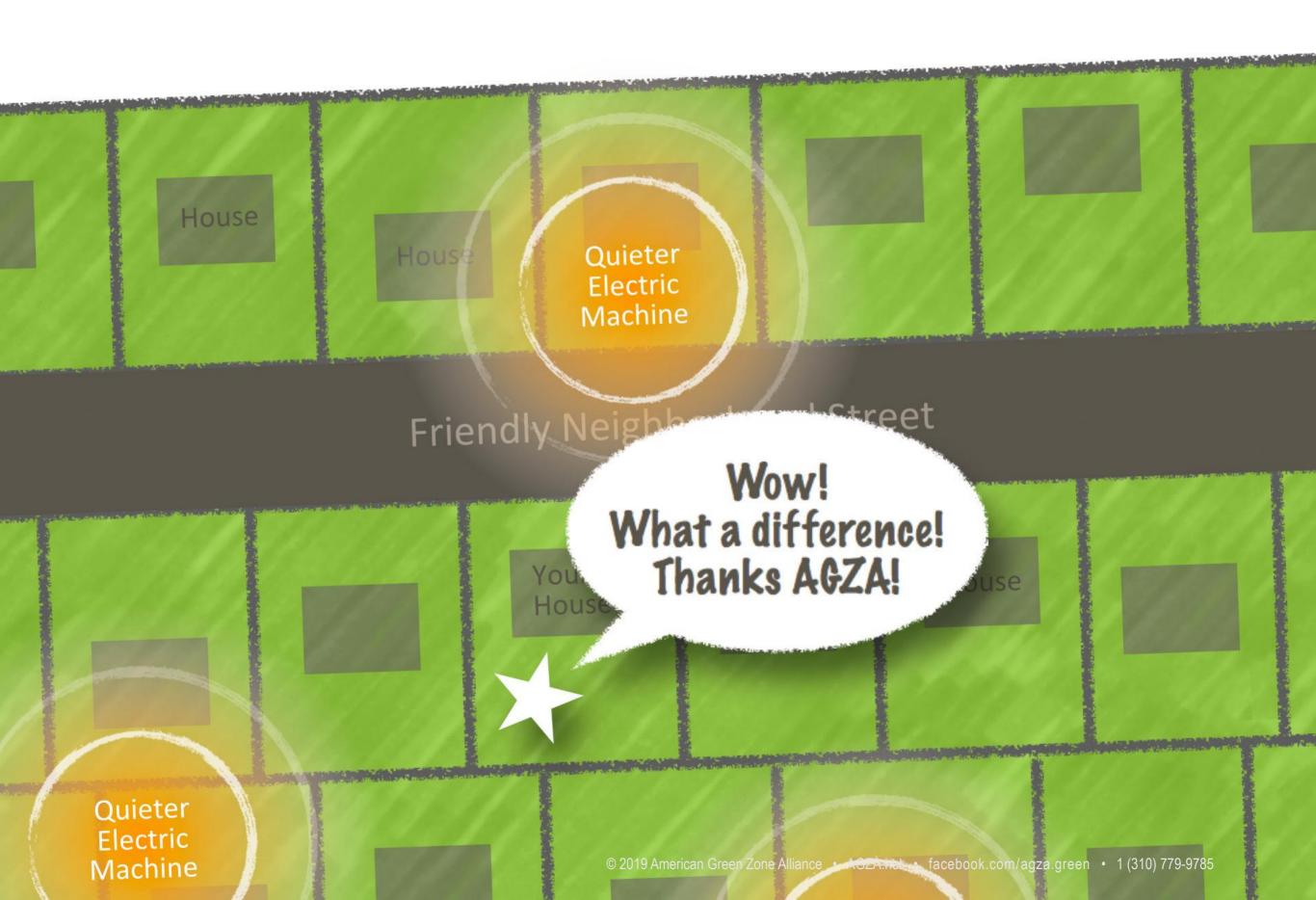


## **Top Ten Impacts of Gas Operations**













## Addressing Worker Health and Environmental Justice

#### **HEALTH RISKS**



**NOISE** 



**VIRBRATION** 







#### **EMISSIONS**



**GAS & OIL** 



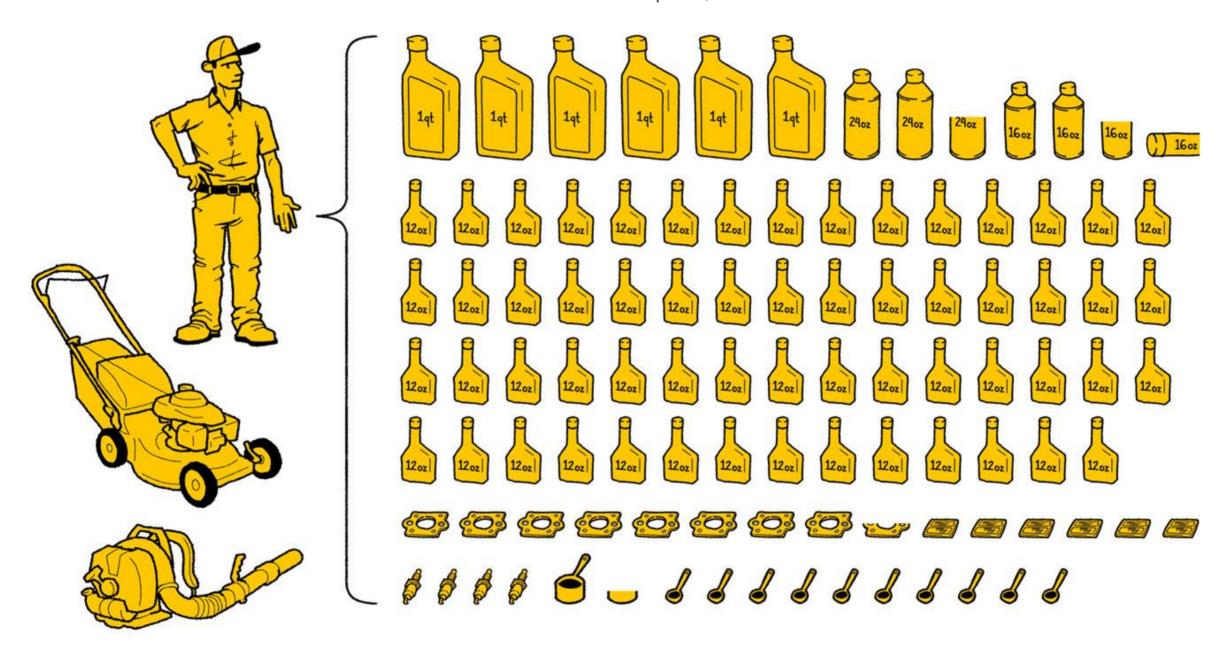
**TOXIC WASTE** 



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## Solid and Toxic Waste Streams from a single gas crew worker

In addition to all the gas and oil burned and smog-forming emissions and greenhouse gasses created, each gas crew worker also dumps 50 bottles, cans, tubes, and parts into landfills every year. These leech residual toxic chemicals into the soil and water. Electric tools need almost no maintenance or parts, and therefore create almost no waste stream.





# AGZA PROGRAM SOLUTIONS

1. Institutional AGZA Green Zones®

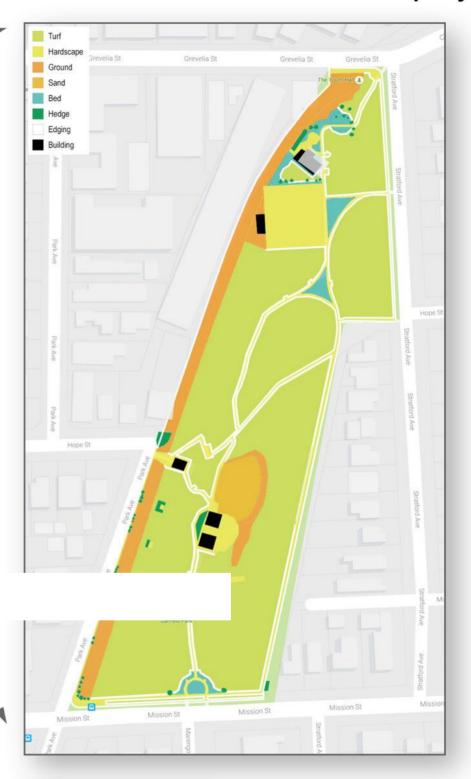
## South Pasadena: The Nation's First AGZA Green Zone City





#### South Pasadena, the Nation's First AGZA Green Zone® City 33 35 PARKS and Garfield Park SPORTS 17 Burke, Clarich, Nelson Fields MEDIANS 31 **Huntington Drive** and EASEMENTS 18 Orange Grove Nature Park 32 Arroyo Drive Easement San Pascual Trail Arroyo Park South Field Fair Oaks Arroyo Park Orange Grove ADMIN 20 City Hall BLDGS 21 See D 6 Library Park Camden Court Parkway 21 San Pascual House 6 Eddie Park Arroyo Seco Racquet Club Arroyo Dr Trail Pasadena Avenue Via Del Rey Pocket Parks North Stoney Drive Easement South Pawsadena Dog Park El Centro Parkway WATER 22 Garfield Reservoir Heritage Park Monterey Road 23 Westside Reservoir Snake Trail South Pasadena Sign Hillside Wilson Reservoir Via Del Rey Pocket Park South El Cerrito Circle Grand Reservoir South Pasadena Sign Trail Raymondale Graves Reservoir Stoney Dr Trail State Street Bilike Tank **Demonstration Garden** Stratford Circle Wilson Well Sterling Place Triangle Kolle Pump House Fletcher Drive

#### Mapping and Metrics of Grounds Maintenance Features on Each Property



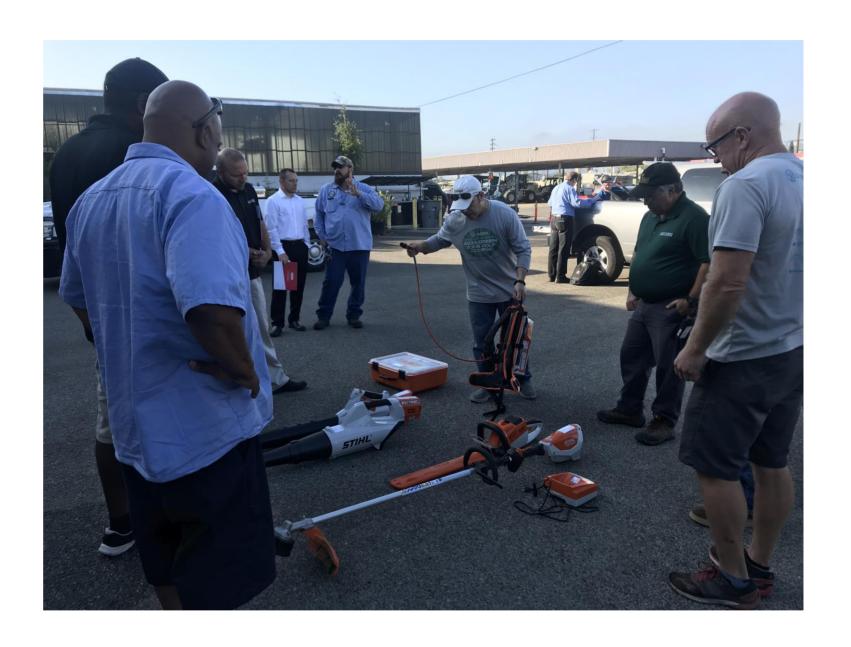


## **AGZA Green Zone Celebration**





## Glendale City Yard







## Congratulations City of Glendale

For the establishment of eight AGZA Green Zone Certified city properties.

- City Hall Complex
- Verdugo Adobe
- Casa Adobe de San Rafael
- Maryland Ave Park

- Heritage Garden
- Wilson Mini Park
- Doran Mini Park
- Harvard Mini Park

All routine grounds maintenance is now performed with low noise, low-impact equipment and sustainable practices. City of Glendale has phased out the use of all two-stroke tools, eliminating tons of airborne pollutants every year and permanently lowering operating noise be 40-70%. The health and environmental benefits will be enjoyed by City Residents, Visitors, Staff and Management in perpetuity.

Dan Mabe CEO & President RINGEL

**April 2021** 

Training with Parkwood Glendale City Hall



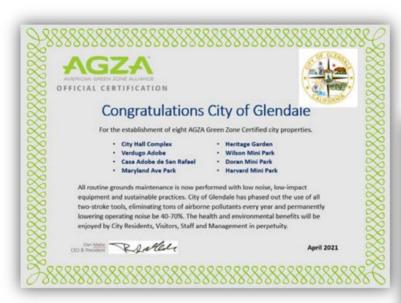






## Electric Operated Equipment & Infrastructure

- Implementation Spring 2022 at the following facilities:
  - Windsor Mini Park
  - Skate Park
  - Piedmont Park
  - Milford Park
  - Nibley Park
  - New York Park
  - Carr Park



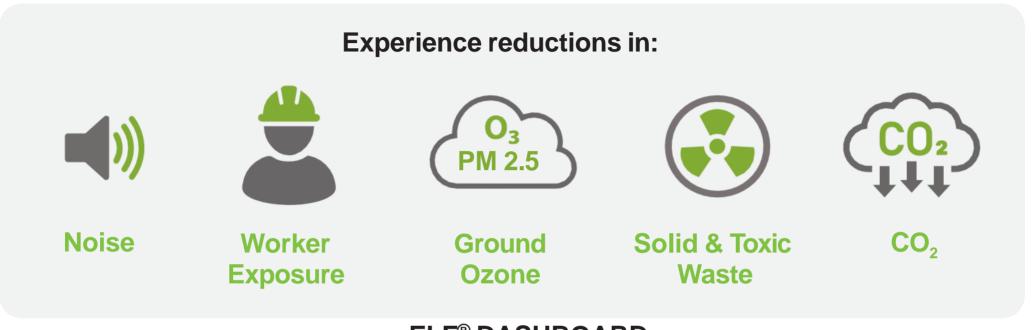


\$100,000





## Communicating Progress - Environmental Landscape Footprint (ELF<sup>TM</sup>) A trusted independent, third - party source for impact reporting



**ELF® DASHBOARD Total Emissions Avoided Per Year** 

**Ozone-forming emissions:** Fine particulate matter: Carbon monoxide:

Carbon dioxide:

lbs./yr

lbs./yr

lbs./yr

34,952 114,162

lbs./yr

TOTAL: 75 TONS/YEAR





## Perception: Look at the Equipment Try Not Don't Demonizing Workers

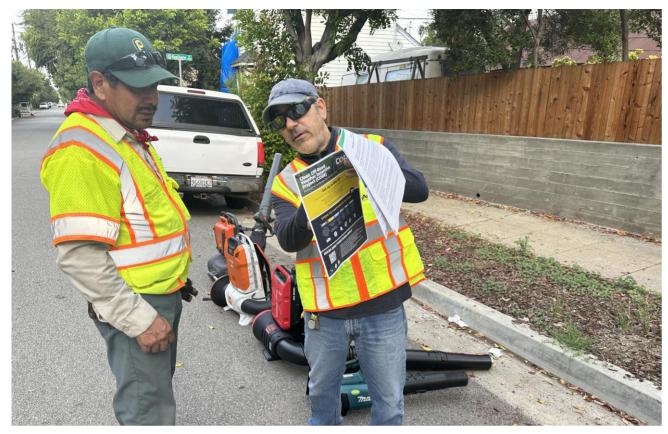










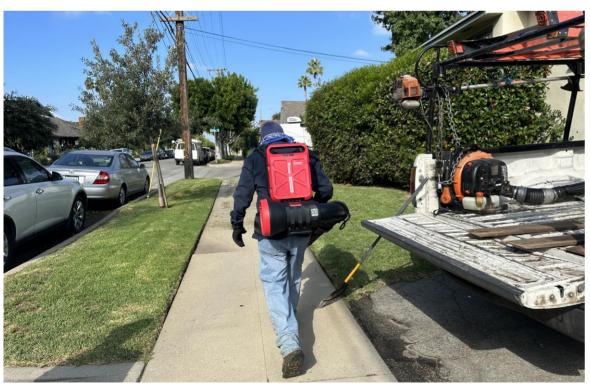












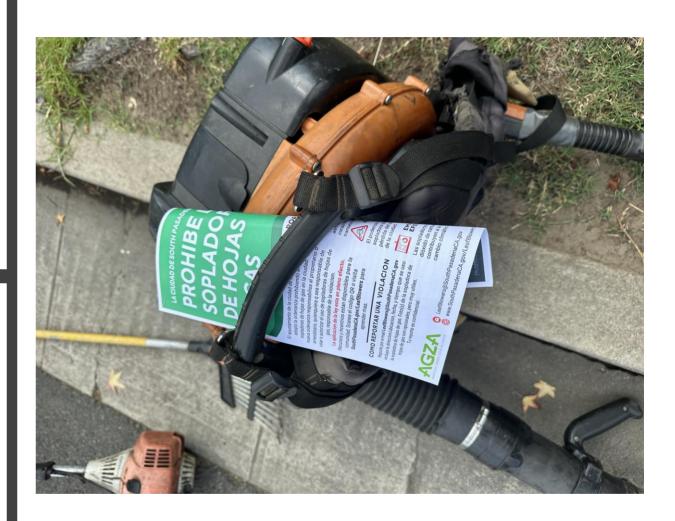












Paradigm Shifts in societal thinking. Fresh Thinking about Your Landscaping. Communication!

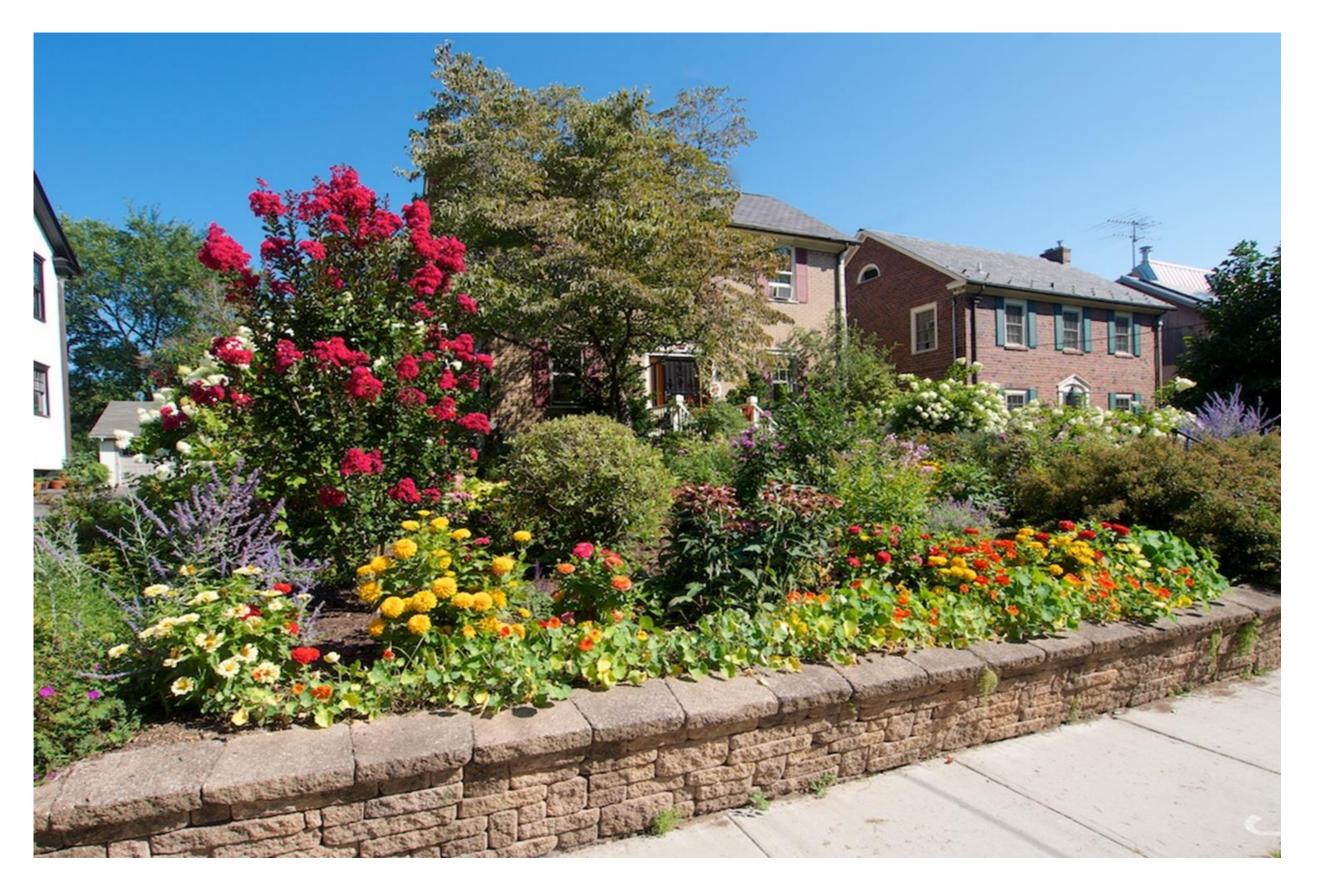


















## The Homeowner









## What steps can homeowners and gardeners take together today?

- Stop or reduce the use of Gas Leaf Blowers
- Mulch leaves with mower
- Use rake/broom selected areas
- Use electric blower efficiently and judiciously
- Homeowners Consider paying your gardener a little more \$ to go electric
- Gardeners Consider how important you are to the quality of life in the community



## City of Glendale Gas Powered Leaf Blower Ban

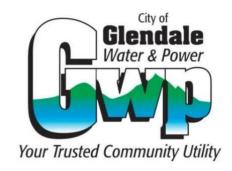
Only Electric Leaf Blower can be used within the City of Glendale. The use of gas-powered leaf blowers is prohibited. Enforcement starts September 1, 2024.

#### Glendale Municipal Code Title 8 Chapter 50».

This code is current through <u>Ordinance 6008</u>, effective September 8, 2023. For more recent amendments, please refer to the CodeAlert page.

- Definitions
- Prohibition on use of gaspowered leaf blowers
- Education program
- Enforcement

**Download the Ordinance** 





#### **City of Glendale GWP Rebate Program**

- All electric leaf blowers qualify for rebate.
- Limit 1 rebate every 5 years per customer at the same residence.

\$50 rebate if purchased in Glendale \$40 rebate if purchased outside Glendale

Click here to apply for a rebate



#### **Rebates and Electric Alternatives**

Rebates for electric leaf blower and landscaping equipment for commercial landscaping companies are available through California CORE, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and Glendale Water & Power for electric customers. Residents can receive a rebate for an electric leaf blower through Glendale Water and Power.







**CORE Program Retailers** 

**South Coast AQMD Program Retailers** 

**City of Glendale GWP Rebate Program** 

**CORE Program Electric Equipment** 

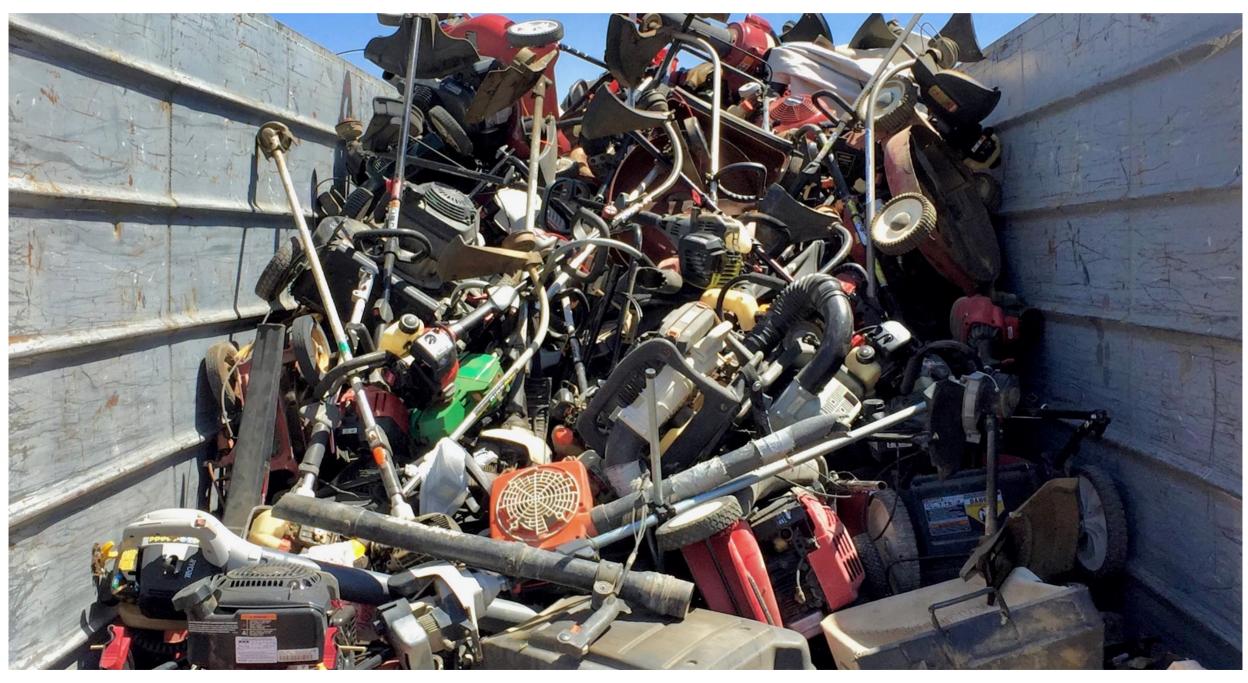
**SCAQMD Program Electric Equipment** 

**Submit Your Questions Here** 



## **SCAQMD GAS TRADE - IN**







### **INCENTIVE FUNDING:**

The 2023 eL&G Program reduces the purchase price of the commercial-grade battery electric lawn and garden equipment.



 Up to 85% discount will be provided, up to the funding caps listed below (whichever is less):



## **PROCESS:**



- The 2023 Commercial Electric Lawn & Garden Equipment Incentive and Exchange (eL&G) Program will be a voucher-based process.
- Eligible participants of the eL&G Program participating retailers who will apply for vouchers, which will be applied as a point-of-sale discount towards the purchase price of the new lawn and garden equipment.
- Prior to picking up the new equipment, the participating retailers will test the old lawn and garden equipment for operability, <u>responsibly drain all fluids</u>, <u>before</u> <u>sending to license dismantler who will permanently destroy the old equipment</u>.



# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS COMMERCIAL ELECTRIC LAWN & GARDEN EQUIPMENT PROGRAM



- PROGRAM GOALS: Improve air quality by exchanging older, polluting gasoline- or diesel-powered commercial lawn and garden equipment for new zero emission, battery electric commercial grade equipment for operation within the South Coast AQMD four county region.
- ELIGIBILITY: Commercial gardeners and landscapers, local government agencies, school districts and colleges, and non-profit organizations are eligible to participate.



# End User and Manufacturer Responsibilities

• As the battery electric revolution expands it is critical that end users and manufacturers take steps to ensure batteries are reused, recycled, or disposed of in a responsible manner to prevent or reduce negative impacts on our planet.







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