

COMMERCIAL PROPANE MOWER REBATE GUIDELINES



ABOUT COMMERCIAL PROPANE MOWERS

The United States is the major consumer of fossil fuels in the world. Nearly 90% of US propane supplies are produced in existing domestic facilities and remain a reliable alternative fuel option. Propane, as a fuel for commercial grade mowers will provide benefits in cost and emission reductions in the coalition areas where operated. Research show that propane vehicles provide a one-third (1/3) reduction in emissions and fourteen percent (14%) better fuel economy compared to gasoline. Other benefits include; no theft of fuel from the tanks; refueling ease; less equipment maintenance; no spillage; and engine longevity.

REBATE AMOUNTS

Propane mower rebates are only available to qualified Texas Clean Cities Stakeholders and are administered through participating Texas Clean Cities service dealers. Rebates will be awarded for dedicated LPG purchases or dedicated LPG conversions made beginning October 1, 2008 on a first-come, first-serve basis.

New Dedicated LPG Mowers

- 20% rebate off the base price of a new, factory-direct mower before taxes or other charges such as shipping , handling, and set-up fees, with a \$2,500 cap per mower (*Original Equipment from the Manufacturer (OEM)*).

Conversions

- 50% rebate off the base price of a conversion of qualifying and existing equipment to propane before taxes or other charges such as shipping, handling, and set-up fees with a \$2,500 cap per mower.

The maximum rebate amount is **\$2,500** per mower, including propane-related rebates from other sources. Rebates from other sources equal or exceed \$2,500, the purchaser will not be eligible for a Texas Clean Cities rebate.

QUALIFYING COMMERCIAL MOWERS

- Qualifying mowers must be commercial grade, walk behind, belt drive and zero turn riding purchased from a participating “Service Dealer.”
- A propane mower engine is eligible for rebate only if it is Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or California Air Resource Board (CARB) certified.
- All conversion systems must be EPA/CARB certified systems.

PARTICIPATION GUIDELINES

1. **Participating Service Dealers** are Texas Clean Cities Stakeholders and licensed by the Texas Railroad Commission to sell and service propane mowers.
2. **Participating Service Dealers** are responsible for educating the Purchaser about the care, maintenance and operation of the mowers.
3. **Participating Service Dealers** must provide their Dunn & Bradstreet number, and if performing a conversion, must provide a Texas Railroad Commission Certification Number.
4. The **Purchaser** must be a stakeholder in the Texas Clean Cities Coalition where the mower equipment will be operated. See qualifying counties and areas listed on page one of this document.
5. The **Purchaser's** fleet may include private licensed landscape contractors, state, federal, municipalities, counties, schools, school districts and universities who are members of their local Clean Cities Coalition.
6. The **Purchaser** shall agree to follow the equipment manufacturer's recommendations for maintenance of propane engine and conversion equipment.
7. The **Purchaser** shall agree that the equipment for which a rebate is provided must remain in use, in the service area, for a minimum of three years or until sold.
8. The **Purchaser** shall agree not remove alternative fuel conversion equipment permanently from the service area for a period of three years.
9. As a Clean Cities Stakeholder participating in the rebate program, **Purchasers** are required to report the qualifying mower's propane gas fuel usage annually. Documenting will occur through the annual Clean Cities survey. Contact your Clean Cities Coordinator for more information.
10. Installation of a **conversion** system must be performed at a Participating Service Dealer and by a Texas Railroad Commission licensed technician.
11. **Converted** equipment must have less than 200 operation hours, and displace at least 200 gallons of gasoline per year, per unit.
12. **Qualifying mowers** must be commercial grade, walk behind, belt drive and zero turn riding mowers purchased from a participating "Service Dealer."
13. All new **OEM** propane mower engine and/or all conversion systems must be EPA and/or CARB certified systems must be Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and/or California Air Resource Board (CARB) certified.

APPLICATIONS

The completed rebate application must be submitted within 60 days of the mower purchase or conversion date. Incomplete applications will not be processed. The applications should include the:

- Completed application for each mower
- Computer-generated invoice for each mower
- Vehicle Identification Number(s) (VIN #) with this application
- Copy of the EPA/CARB certification form

MAIL APPLICATION TO: OR
Central Texas Clean Cities
Commercial Propane Mower Rebates
Attn: Lucinda Flores
721 Barton Springs Road
Austin, TX 78704

FAX APPLICATION TO:
Central Texas Clean Cities
Commercial Propane Mower Rebates
Attn: Lucinda Flores
FAX Number: (512) 482-5455

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QUALIFYING COUNTIES AND AREAS

The “Purchaser” must be a member of the Texas Clean Cities Coalition where the mower equipment will be operated: Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston Galveston Area Council, Beaumont-Port Arthur, Tyler-Longview, San Antonio, City of Victoria and Central Texas Clean Cities Coalitions. Mowers must be used for commercial mowing in existing or planned Texas Clean Cities coalitions. Qualifying counties and areas include:

Alamo Area: Atascosa, Bandera, Bexar, Comal, Frio, Gillespie, Guadalupe, Karnes, Kendall, Kerr, Medina, and Wilson Counties. Contact: **Andrew Hudgins**, Coordinator/(210) 362-5228 /e-mail: AHudgins@aacog.com.

Beaumont: Hardin, Jefferson, and Orange Counties. Contact: **Bob Dickinson**, Coordinator/(409) 727-2384 ext. 251/email: bdickinson@setrpc.org.

Central Texas: Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson Counties and Ft. Hood, Tx. Contact: **Stacy Neef**, Coordinator/512-482-5343/ e-mail: stacy.neef@austinenergy.com.

East Texas Tyler Longview: Anderson, Camp, Cherokee, Gregg, Harrison, Henderson, Marion, Panola, Rains, Rusk, Smith, Upshur, Van Zandt, and Wood Counties. Contact: **Rick McKnight**, Coordinator/(903) 984-8641/e-mail: rick.mcknight@etcog.org.

Houston Galveston Area Council: Brazoria, Chambers, Fort Bend, Galveston, Harris, Liberty, Montgomery, and Waller Counties. Contact: **Christine Smith**, Coordinator/(832) 681-2556/christine.smith@h-gac.com.

North Central Texas Council Of Governments: Wise, Denton, Collin, Hunt, Palo Pinto, Parker, Tarrant, Dallas, Rockwall, Kaufman, Erath, Hood, Somervell, Johnson, Ellis, and Navarro Counties. Contact: **Mindy Mize**, Coordinator/Phone: 817-608-2346/ E-mail: mmize@nctcog.org.

Victoria: Victoria, Calhoun, Jackson, Goliad, Dewitt, Gonzales, and Lavaca counties. Contact **Marie Lester**, Coordinator/(361) 485-3230/ cmlester@victoriatx.org.