

Take Charge: Switching to Electric Yard Tools

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SCP's Mission

Sonoma Clean Power is turning the tide on the climate crisis, through bold ideas and practical programs.

- Provide higher percentages of renewable energy and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.
- Help solve the climate crisis at a local level.
- React and respond to local needs.
- Deliver customer programs that make a difference.



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CleanStart

- SCP's default electricity service
- Competitive rates mix of renewables, carbon-free energy, and general system power.

49% Renewable

93% Carbon-Free



EverGreen

24/7 Renewable

100% Local

- Optional program available to residential and commercial customers
- Premium of \$0.025/kWh (about \$13 more per month than CleanStart for avg. home)

Solar & Geothermal



Sonoma Clean Power Advanced Energy Center

- Explore how to power more of your life with renewable energy, instead of gas.
- Browse a large demonstration area with the best allelectric technologies and home systems.
- Learn about the many benefits of electrification: health, safety, climate action, etc.
- Attend classes and events.
- Take advantage of exclusive SCP customer discounts and incentives.





Customer Benefits

- The latest and greatest energy-saving technologies all under one roof.
- Get connected with certified local contractors to perform installations.
- Access unbeatable vendor discounts and pricing.
- SCP's zero-interest loan program allows you to avoid huge upfront costs and pay over time.

Speakers



Jukka Kukkonen

Chief EV Educator and Strategist for Shift2Electric and has over 10 years of experience within the EV market.



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Topics Covered

- Electric technology advances
- Clean air and health benefits
- Other benefits
- Info about equipment on the market
- What to consider
- Battery capacity and electricity costs
- Care and maintenance
- Q&A



Technology advancements

Battery tech advancement



Shift to renewable electricity

Xcel Energy's carbon emissions



Graphs: Bloomberg NEF, Xcel Energy

The American Lung Association and air pollution

American Lung Association

- Mission: To save lives by 0 improving lung health and preventing lung disease.
- Improve the air we 0 breathe so it will not cause or worsen lung disease.

American Lung Association. Clean Air Choice.

Clean Cities Coalition

Mission: the U.S Department of • Energy's Clean Cities program foster the nation's economic, environmental, and energy security by working locally to advance affordable, domestic transportation fuels, energy efficient mobility systems, and other fuelsaving technologies and practices.



Air Pollution & Health



Road to Clean Air Report – Click here

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Pollution from gasoline equipment

- Each weekend, about 54 million Americans mow their lawns, amounting to approximately 800 million gallons of gas per year.
- At least 17 million gallons of gasoline are spilled annually just filling these lawnmowers.



Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs)





- On-road vehicles 24% Cars and trucks, etc.
- Off-road vehicles and equipment 20% Construction, agriculture, and yard, etc.
- Neighborhood sources 35% Dry cleaners, home heating, backyard fires, etc.
- Factories, power plants, etc.

Pollution from gasoline lawn equipment

- Gasoline powered lawn equipment annually emits a variety of pollutants
 - Carbon Monoxide (CO) 5,793,200 tons
 - Nitrogen Oxides (NOx) 68,500 tons
 - Particulate Matter (PM10 and PM2.5) 20,700 tons
 - Carbon Dioxide (CO2) 20,382,400 tons
 - Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) 461,800 tons
- This accounts for 24%-45% of all nonroad gasoline emissions



Particulate matter

- Health impacts of fine particles
 - Coughing
 - Wheezing
 - Asthma attacks
 - Heart attacks
 - COPD
 - Lung cancer
- People at increased risk
 - Children
 - Teenagers
 - Older adults
 - People with lung or heart disease



American Lung Association.

VOCs, NOx, and Ozone



Pollutants called VOCs and NO_X mix in the air and then are transformed by UV light into ground-level ozone. High levels of ozone are harmful to humans, especially those with respiratory health issues. Temperature, wind and amount of sunshine are important variables: hot, sunny days often produce higher levels of groundlevel ozone.

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Electric lawn mowers



Chainsaws, leaf blowers, trimmers, etc.

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Commercial lawn mowers

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Snow blowers





Total: 23 pages 237 units over 2800 data points



Electric lawn mower benefits:

 Less energy used (mowing average city lot takes the same amount of electricity as boiling half a

gallon of water)

- No emissions (user, neighborhood, city, planet)
- Much quieter (user, neighborhood)
- Less vibration
- No need to mess with gas (buy, store, offgas)
- Always starts
- Cheaper to use (dollars and time)
- Easy maintenance
- Lighter weight
- Easier storage (can be stored upright)





Corded or Cordless?

Choose corded mower if you:

- want a very affordable mower (\$100-200)
- want a very lighter mower
- have accessible outside outlets
- don't mind dealing with the cord



Choose battery mower if you

- don't want to deal with the cord
- are looking for a self-propelled mower
- want to use same batteries with other yard equipment.



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Photos: Black&Decker

How to choose a lawn mower

Size of your lawn

Standard city lot is 40'*120' = 4800 sqr feet minus: house 800, garage 400, driveway 200, sidewalks and paths 200, landscaping 200 = 3000 square feet

- How often do you mow and how much do you cut each time
- Consider:
 - Battery capacity 100-400Wh (1500-6000sqr feet)
 - Deck diameter 16"-22"
 - If you cut rarely and long grass, choose higher voltage



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Photo: Google Maps

Battery capacity and electricity costs:

- How to calculate the battery capacity:
- Volts x Amp hours = Watt hours
- Example: $56V \times 5Ah = 280Wh$
- Battery capacity range 100-400Wh (1500-6000sqr feet, non self-propelling)
- Add capacity by buying a second battery 1000Wh is 1kWh. 1kWh of electricity costs 12 cents.

If average city lawn is 3000 square feet and it takes about 200Wh to mow it. If we assume some charging inefficiencies and say that you need 250Wh to charge. This means that if you mow your lawn four times you use 1kWh of energy so it costs you 12 cents.

> You can mow average city lot 33 times for a dollar.





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Other considerations:

- Self-propelled or not?
- Collecting or mulching (or both)?
- Automatic blade speed adjustment
- Cutting height adjustment (1.5" 4")
- Weight (35–90 pounds)
- Warranty (2–5 years)
- Other equipment using the same batteries:
 - Trimmer
 - Hedge trimmer
 - Leaf blower
 - Chain saw
 - Snow blower
 - Hand tools...



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Care and maintenance:

- Clean extra clippings after the use (remove battery before doing this)
- Check the blade at the same time and sharpen if needed
- Leave battery ¾ charged in fall. Check the charge level once or twice in the winter time and charge if needed





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Robot mower option:

- Lives outside
- Keeps grass mowed all the time
- Charges automatically
- Convenient
- Can work on hills
- More expensive



Riding mowers



https://todaysmower.com/going-green-2020-electric-riding-mowers-and-ztrs/





Resources

1. Action Sports Power Equipment in Santa Rosa



2. Home Depot

3. Lowes





