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## **Air Quality Information Available Free**

August 6, 2009 – The Yolo-Solano Air Quality Management District is encouraging residents to sign up for Enviroflash and be entered in a drawing for a rechargeable electric mower. Enviroflash is an online tool that is a great source for up-to-date local air quality information. Subscribers can have the information sent to email addresses or cell phones. Only those who sign up by September 30, 2009 at <http://ysaqmd.enviroflash.org> and are residents within the Yolo-Solano AQMD's jurisdiction will be eligible for the drawing for a rechargeable mower.

“Air pollution can seriously affect your health - especially the health of older adults, children and people with a heart or lung disease and respiratory problems like asthma. Knowing the quality of air is a matter of serious health concern,” according to Executive Director Mat Ehrhardt. “This extra incentive to win a rechargeable mower reinforces one of our summer spare the air tips to use electric yard equipment rather than the more polluting gas-powered equipment,” added Ehrhardt.

Spare the Air season runs through October and residents who sign up will receive free air quality notifications when ozone levels are forecast to reach unhealthy levels. They will also receive alerts when special events such as smoke from wildfires and unhealthy levels of particle pollution occur during winter months. The system also provides useful tips on how to be proactive during unhealthy air days.

EnviroFlash helps the community stay better informed about air quality – and it helps individuals prepare for days when air quality is expected to be unhealthy.

The Yolo-Solano AQMD is dedicated to protecting human health and property from the harmful effects of air pollution. For more information contact the District at 530-757-3650 or visit [www.ysaqmd.org](http://www.ysaqmd.org).

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