

Your Yard

Green Care For A Healthy Yard

(NAPSA)—Power equipment for the yard—such as string trimmers and blowers—may soon be a little greener.

As the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to introduce regulations against air toxins and other smog-forming emissions, manufacturers of popular portable power units say they're taking steps to decrease their products' harmful emission levels.

Homeowners with smaller yards within a reasonable range of electrical outlets can cut down on emissions by using electric-powered equipment. But those who have larger yards where extension cords are not practical may want to find some new, efficient tools. Here's a closer look:

Fuel Efficiency

A line of lightweight, gas-powered equipment from Homelite, called MightyLite, beats EPA standards for emissions by 30 to 40 percent. The blower, edger and string trimmer options all have energy-efficient engines that burn 20 percent less gas than their predecessors. The products are also lighter weight than other four-cycle or two-cycle models and run quietly.

Battery Basics

If you don't want to burn fuel at all while maintaining your



New types of energy-efficient tools help homeowners keep their yards well maintained and Earth friendly.

yard, check out new types of battery-operated equipment. Ryobi recently expanded its popular One+ line of 18-volt power tools to include traditional outdoor tools such as hedge trimmers, pole pruners, blowers and garden sprayers. These handy tools are able to run on one common rechargeable 18-volt battery, completely cutting gas out of the equation—while creating a more versatile tool collection.

For more information on efficient, gas-powered tools, visit www.homelite.com and for more information on battery-powered tools, visit www.ryobitools.com.