



## **ELECTRIC MOWERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT: *PERFECT TOGETHER***

Why go to an electric or battery-powered mower? Right now, there are an estimated 18,225 gas lawn mowers in Atlantic County with the total pollutants (VOCs, NO<sub>x</sub>, etc.) from their use totaling 1,075.4 TONS and creating 1,743.72 TONS of CO<sub>2</sub>. Since we are trying to cut our greenhouse gases back to well below 1990 levels as a climate protection measure, we need to make an effort in every possible area to reduce our carbon emissions. The more we use these mowers the more we pollute. In addition, it is estimated that 17 million gallons of gasoline are spilled refueling lawn equipment in the U.S. every year, contaminating our ground water systems. They also contribute to noise pollution.

Corded electric and battery powered mowers are virtually impact-free, producing little or no emissions. They are quiet, light weight and the operating costs are a fraction of those of a gas mower. With no gas or oil required, there is no danger of spilling and fuel disposal problems.

Another tip for care-free lawn care: think about reducing the size of your lawn and planting native greenery in its place. You will save mowing time AND help encourage wildlife into your yard. If you do maintain a large lawn, please consider natural lawn care so that chemical fertilizers and pesticides do not run off into our groundwater systems. If you go a step further and plant native grasses, you will find there is no need for fertilizer or heavy watering.

Or, if you want to be the one with the **LOWEST** impact in your neighborhood, buy an old-fashioned push mower. What a great workout you will get!

