



CITY OF ANNAPOLIS ELECTRIC LEAF BLOWER REBATE PROGRAM



Introduction and Program Goals

The Chesapeake Bay Trust (the Trust) is proud to partner with the City of Annapolis on their Electric Leaf Blower Rebate Program. Per the <u>City of Annapolis Ordinance 28-23</u>, the use of gasoline-powered leaf blowers within the City is prohibited effective December 30, 2024. Please note that reimbursements may be requested for purchases made on or after November 30, 2024 (one month before the effective date). For questions on the ban, view the City's list of Frequently Asked Questions at https://www.annapolis.gov/2184/Go-Electric-Leaf-Blower-Policy.

The transition to electric leaf blowers supports better human and environmental health through multiple cobenefits, including:

- o Reduced noxious fumes in the community.
 - Carbon monoxide, nitrogen oxides, and particulate matter may cause: respiratory issues, cardiovascular problems, and certain cancers.
- o Reduced noise: Better for your ears and the local environment.

Eligible Applicants and Project Locations

Single-family (including townhomes) property owners, renters, nonprofits (including religious institutions, private schools, homeowners associations (HOA) and condominium associations) landscape contractors, and lawncare businesses, can receive up to a lifetime maximum of one rebate for the approved purchase of an electric-powered leaf blower.

Property ownership will be confirmed using the Maryland State Department of Assessments and Taxation (SDAT) database: https://sdat.dat.maryland.gov/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx. You may be required to submit additional property residence verification documents if we are unable to confirm you, as the applicant, are the property owner through SDAT. If the Trust is unable to confirm ownership, you will be required to submit additional verification documents.

Eligibility criteria:

- Applicant must be a resident, nonprofit, landscape contractor, or lawncare businesses located in the incorporated City of Annapolis limits.
 - Verify your location within the City of Annapolis through this map:
 https://www.google.com/maps/d/viewer?mid=1LtdUwoGzeA6oIRe0ilaasz0RINWwSb4&Il=38.97
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- Leaf blowers must be electric and emit sound less than or equal to 65 decibels.
- Leaf blower was purchased on or after 11/30/2024
- All requirements must be met as outlined in the program documents and in the approved application. All decisions are final and are at the sole discretion of the Trust and the City of Annapolis.

Maximum Rebate Amounts

Residents and nonprofits are eligible for one rebate of up to \$100, per household/property. Eligibility will reset if a property is sold or if a new renter moves into a rental property.

Landscape contractors and lawncare businesses are eligible for one rebate up to \$1,500.

The rebate amount will be dependent upon final proof of purchase and receipts/invoices for costs associated with the electric leaf blower. A rebate request cannot exceed the cost of the leaf blower.

Only costs associated with the purchase of an electric-powered leaf blower, that emits 65 decibels or lower, are eligible for reimbursement. View Appendix B for a list of eligible leaf blowers. Itemized receipts and invoices must be submitted to the Trust upon the completion of the project. Please note for residents - receipts/invoices must show that the leaf blower was shipped to or purchased within the state of Maryland.

Deadline

Applications are accepted on an on-going basis - funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis until funds are fully expended for the given fiscal year. All applications and receipts must be submitted by 6/15/2026. View the full application process in Appendix A. Check our website at https://cbtrust.org/grants/annapolis-leaf-blower-rebate/ for the most up to date information about the status of this program.

Contact Information

Contact the Chesapeake Bay Trust's City of Annapolis Electric Leaf Blower Coordinator at (410) 974-2941 x127 or kkatzenberger@cbtrust.org.

Resources

Appendix A: Application Process Guidance - https://cbtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/Appendix-A-Application-Process.pdf

Appendix B: List of example eligible leaf blowers (below 65 dB) - https://cbtrust.org/wp-content/uploads/CoA- Leaf-Blower-Rebate Appendix-B.pdf