

## Tips for a “Greener” Backyard

Many people don't realize that simple yard maintenance activities such as mowing the lawn and watering plants can pose a potential threat to the environment. Making small changes in the yard can help conserve resources, decrease air pollution and protect local wildlife. Below are simple tips you can practice year - round to protect your health and the environment.

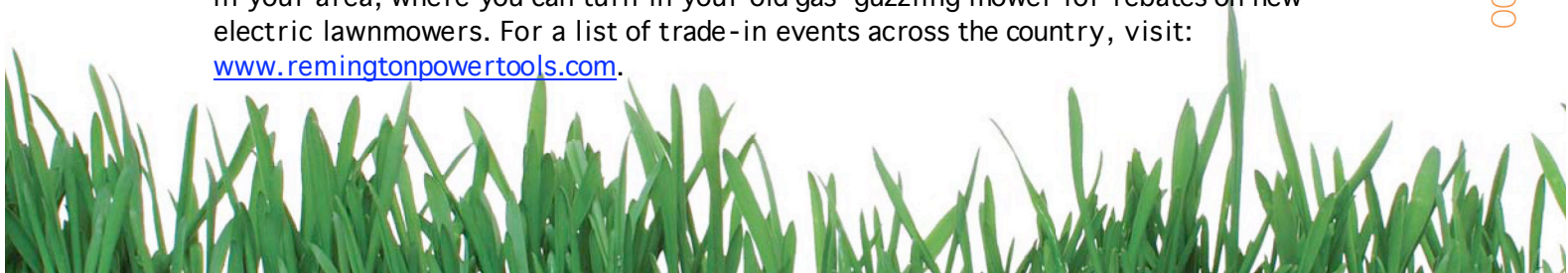
**Go Electric.** Gas-powered engines found in lawn and garden equipment, such as mowers, are less efficient, and contribute more air pollution per hour of operation than engines in vehicles. One of the easiest ways to reduce your carbon footprint is to replace your traditional gas-powered lawn and garden equipment with electric products like the Remington Cordless PowerMower. The electric -powered equipment produces virtually no pollution from exhaust emissions or fuel evaporation. Using electrically -powered equipment also eliminates the risk of fuel spillage and reduces noise pollution!

**Conserve Water.** Water is a precious resource and one that must be protected, especially during the warm months when it's most used. To conserve water, be sure to water your plants in the early morning or evening to avoid evaporation. Water timers, soaker hoses and drip irrigation systems are also effective ways to manage water usage. Routinely check garden hoses for leaks before watering plants and ensure that sprinklers are positioned to water only plants, not the sidewalk, street or house.

**Choose Less-Toxic Products.** Harmful chemicals and pesticides can wash off into local water sources and potentially harm humans and wildlife. Many pests can actually be deterred with physical controls such as barriers, traps or simply removing infested plant parts. If a product is necessary, talk to your local nursery about less-toxic options, such as soaps, horticultural oils and plant-based insecticides. Look for the words “slow-release” or “organic” on the product label.

**Be a “Grasscycler.”** Try “grasscycling” instead of bagging your lawn clippings. Allowing grass clippings to decompose on the lawn by mulch-mowing adds vital nutrients to the lawn. The Remington Cordless PowerMower offers mulching capabilities that let you cut the grass into fine clippings with the option of distributing them directly onto the lawn to return nutrients and moisture to the soil, without additional products. “Grasscycling” is another great way to conserve water and reduce the emissions that contribute to air pollution.

**Recycle Your Old Equipment.** Instead of selling or throwing away your old gas-powered or electric lawn and garden equipment, take them to a recycling center where they can be properly recycled and converted into raw material to be used in cleaner equipment and other products. Also look for lawn mower exchanges or trade-in programs in your area, where you can turn in your old gas-guzzling mower for rebates on new electric lawnmowers. For a list of trade-in events across the country, visit: [www.remingtonpowertools.com](http://www.remingtonpowertools.com).



**Compost Your Yard Trimmings.** Use food scraps, yard trimmings and other organic waste to create a compost pile in your backyard. Composting produces a rich soil amendment that can help increase water retention, decrease erosion and replace chemical fertilizers. Use the Remington Cordless PowerMower to easily and conveniently collect yard trimmings for compost.

