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Gas-powered landscaping equipment is very inefficient and produces large amounts of dangerous air pollution. Many states already offer trade-ins, rebates, and information to help people cut down on fossil fuel use in the yard. Rhode Island should include lawn equipment in programs aimed at improving energy efficiency and reducing fossil fuel use at home. Utah, Colorado, and California are among states that have provided rebates for homeowners to trade in their gas lawn tools, with programs like "Mow Down Pollution" and and "Charge Your Yard." It's time for Rhode Island to include outdoor space in calculations of energy use at home.