

Buy Electric Lawn Tools From the Same Brand to Save Money

You can swap the batteries among the mower, string trimmer, leaf blower, and chain saws in each set

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Battery-powered lawn tools have come a long way in the past decade. Once considered the weaklings of power tools, our testers say many work just as well as gas-powered models now. They also start instantly, run quietly, and have zero emissions at the source.

If you make the switch and go electric, it's best to plan on buying all your tools from a single brand because manufacturers use a standardized battery and charger across their tools.

That allows you to save money by buying a few tools with the batteries and a few without, then using those one or two batteries across your suite of tools. Skipping the cost of a battery and

charger will save you about 30 percent on a tool.

Below, we've highlighted three battery-powered tool suites worth considering, comprised of products that do well in our tests. Each lawn mower, leaf blower, string trimmer, and chainsaw shown has batteries that are interchangeable with the other tools in its suite.

To learn more about these different tools, start with our buying guides for lawn mowers, string trimmers, leaf blowers, and chainsaws. CR members with digital access can read on to see our picks for the best battery lawn tool suites.

Best Suite Overall

<p>1</p> <p>🏆 BEST BUY</p> <p>BATTERY PUSH MOWERS</p> <p>Ego LM2101</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👍 EVENNESS ⚠️ RUN TIME 👍 CHARGE TIME <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>75</p>	<p>3</p> <p>🏆 BEST BUY</p> <p>BATTERY HANDHELD BLOWERS</p> <p>Ego LB5302</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👍 SWEEPING 👍 LOOSENING 👍 HANDLING AND EASE OF USE <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>80</p>
<p>2</p> <p>👍 RECOMMENDED</p> <p>BATTERY STRING TRIMMERS</p> <p>Ego ST1521S</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👍 TRIMMING 👍 EDGING 👍 TALL GRASS AND WEEDS <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>89</p>	<p>4</p> <p>🏆 BEST BUY</p> <p>BATTERY-POWERED CHAINSAWS</p> <p>Ego CS1604</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 👍 CUTTING SPEED 👍 HANDLING ⚠️ SAFETY <p>OVERALL SCORE</p> <p>78</p>

Pro Brand With Useful Features

1 **RECOMMENDED**
 BATTERY PUSH MOWERS
Stihl RMA 510
 EVENNESS
 RUN TIME
 CHARGE TIME
OVERALL SCORE
71

3 BATTERY HANDHELD BLOWERS
Stihl BGA 85
 SWEEPING
 LOOSENING
 HANDLING AND EASE OF USE
OVERALL SCORE
71

2 **RECOMMENDED**
 BATTERY STRING TRIMMERS
Stihl FSA 56
 TRIMMING
 EDGING
 TALL GRASS AND WEEDS
OVERALL SCORE
76

4 BATTERY-POWERED CHAINSAWS
Stihl MSA 200C-BQ
 CUTTING SPEED
 HANDLING
 SAFETY
OVERALL SCORE
46

Budget-Friendly

1 **RECOMMENDED**
 BATTERY PUSH MOWERS
Ryobi RY401110
 EVENNESS
 RUN TIME
 CHARGE TIME
OVERALL SCORE
65

3 BATTERY HANDHELD BLOWERS
Ryobi RY40460
 SWEEPING
 LOOSENING
 HANDLING AND EASE OF USE
OVERALL SCORE
66

2 BATTERY STRING TRIMMERS
Ryobi P2030
 TRIMMING
 EDGING
 TALL GRASS AND WEEDS
OVERALL SCORE
49

Note: The Ryobi RY50270VNM, an updated replacement for this model, is currently in test in our labs.

4 BATTERY-POWERED CHAINSAWS
Ryobi RY40530
 CUTTING SPEED
 HANDLING
 SAFETY
OVERALL SCORE
62