THE ELECTRIC TRACTOR

- Environment, ecology, pollution—are all common words today. Government, industry, and private citizens are very much concerned with our environment; gardeners should be concerned, too.

In the fight against air pollution, automobile manufacturers are talking of decreasing the gasoline engineers pollution by using lead-free fuel.

It has long been known that the use of electricity to power equipment would eliminate fumes and air pollution but the problem was to make an electric machine that would perform as well as one powered with gasoline. Now the General Electric Company has introduced the Elec-Trak garden tractor which could be a breakthrough on the practical use of batteries (power packs) and electric motors to do gardening chores.

Instead of filling the tank with gasoline periodically, the Elec-Trak operator plugs the battery charger into house current when the machine is not in use so that the battery will become fully charged.

Like almost all electric-powered equipment, the new tractor is fuseless, quiet and vibration-free, and was developed as a possible solution to some of man's current and future environmental problems. The tractor can be equipped with the usual attachments such as mower, snow blower, tiller, and in addition it has outlets for using hand equipment such as lawn edgers, drills, hedge trimmers, etc.