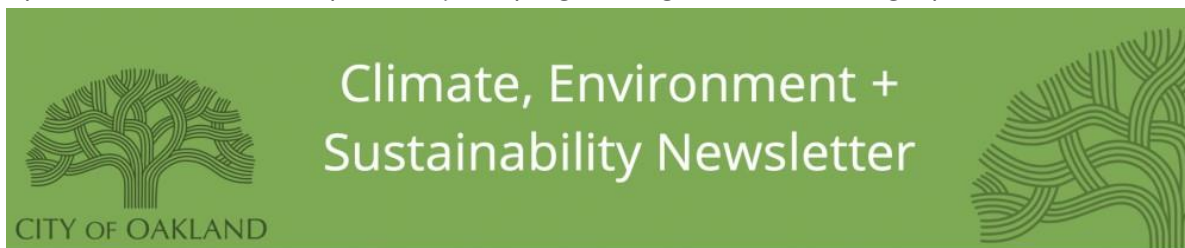


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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

Celebrate Oakland Earth Day!

On Saturday, April 23, volunteers will clean and green Oakland locations at the 28rd Annual Oakland Earth Day. Volunteers will be organizing neighborhood cleanups of streets, sidewalks, schools, in parks or along creeks and other waterways. Volunteers will pick up litter, remove graffiti, weed and plant, and restore native habitat. Oakland Public Works sponsors this event, with



support from the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District and participation from community groups, including Friends of Sausal Creek, Keep Oakland Beautiful, and the Lake Merritt Institute.

For more information how you can volunteer to clean and green your neighborhood visit oaklandearthday.org #OaklandEarthDay



Reduce Flooding and Keep Trash out of our Waterways

You can help reduce flooding and keep trash out of our waterways by cleaning out your local storm drain especially before storm events. Your volunteer efforts help Public Works maintain over 13,000 storm drains! Public Works provides tools,

supplies, and debris pick-up for Adopt a Drain volunteers.

Let us know if you need supplies. It's easy to log on to:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/request-tools-for-volunteer-events>

You can also sign up to start an Adopt-A-Drain in your community.

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/services/adopt-a-drain>

Log Volunteer Work: after you complete your clean-up, make sure to log your volunteer hours. <https://oakland-volunteer-community-oakgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/report-your-volunteer-results>

Improvements to Adopt-a-Spot Volunteer Reporting System

We know your time is precious and we appreciate all your work and effort to "Keep Oakland Clean and Beautiful". Did you know that the volunteer data you report goes to the Regional Water Quality Control Board?



Environmental Services Stewardship has developed a training video to help you better understand our new tracking system. Click on this link <https://youtu.be/ui3MeS8iDI4>

In order to better track your volunteer work, we are streamlining our volunteer reporting system. That means that **after February 2022, you will no longer be able to log your work in "Track it Forward"**. The older Track it Forward system has been used concurrently with our new ESRI hub program during its development. Now that it's ready, we'll be transitioning

all reporting to ESRI Hub, which is already on our website.

Some volunteers have already been using our new system. It is simple to use and available on the City's Adopt-A-Spot website. One of the advantages of our new ESRI Hub program is that it provides maps for Adopt-A-Spot clean-up locations so you can see where they're located. Another advantage is that you'll also be able to track your work and generate reports. In addition, the ESRI Hub will also allow staff to more easily gather data and report your efforts.

If you would like to see the site, click on the link below.

<https://oakland-volunteer-community-oakgis.hub.arcgis.com/pages/report-your-volunteer-results>

TRANSPORTATION + LAND USE

EV Charger Technical Assistance for Multifamily Buildings in West Oakland

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (Air District) and Alameda County public agency

Stopwaste are partnering with local electrical contractor Energy Conservation Options (ECO) to provide no-cost electric vehicle (EV) charging

station assessments for existing multi-unit dwellings or apartments (5 units and above) in West Oakland and Richmond. This effort aligns with both the Air District's efforts to reduce air pollution in Environmental Justice communities and the [City of Oakland's Zero Emission Vehicle Action Plan](#). The free assessment will involve an onsite technical assessment and follow up report detailing project scope, cost, and incentives to install EV charging stations. A subset of assessed buildings will receive full technical assistance, which includes help applying for incentive programs and support to secure permits and installation contracts.



[Informational webinar](#) available Tuesday, March 8th at 10am and 6pm.

Building owners or managers interested in receiving a free EV charging assessment at an existing multifamily building located in West Oakland: please contact Ben Cooper (510-891-6511, bcooper@stopwaste.org)

EBCE EV Charging
Infrastructure Rebates

East Bay Community Energy, Alameda County's public power provider, is pleased to announce a partnership with the California Energy Commission's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP). Beginning December 1st, businesses, commercial properties, multifamily housing properties, and public agency facilities in Alameda County can apply for rebates up to \$80,000 on eligible electric vehicle charger equipment and installation costs.



If you are new to EV charging CALeVIP has created a list of service providers in your area to assist with developing an EV charging project for your site. To access that list, please visit calevip.org/find-an-evsp.

To learn more about eligibility requirements and how to apply for your rebate on December 1st, visit the Alameda County Incentive Project website.

BUILDINGS + ENERGY

GRID Alternatives Energy for All Program

GRID Alternatives, a community-based nonprofit solar organization, can help homeowners living on a limited or fixed budget save money on their energy bills through their Energy for All Program. Apply now to the Energy For All Program to see if you and your family qualify and become a clean energy leader in your community.



Induction Stove Rebates!

Through BayREN, EBCE is offering up to \$300 per eligible residential customer for an induction cooktop/range, when you replace an existing gas appliance. Rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis for qualifying residents with homes built in 2016 or earlier, and the customer must not have received a rebate for the same equipment, or other rebates funded with PG&E ratepayer dollars within the past 8 years for building shell, HVAC, and water heating measures. Induction cooking offers healthier indoor environments by eliminating harmful emissions that result from burning natural gas. Learn more and apply here today!

Incentives for Heat Pump Water Heaters

In most Bay Area homes, burning natural gas to heat water for showers, laundry, and



dishwashing contributes more to climate change than any other indoor activity. The good news: all-electric heat pump water heaters (HPWHs) are now widely available. Heat pumps, which work by *moving* heat rather than *generating* heat, are 3-5 times more efficient and better for indoor air quality. The even

better news: Bay Area homeowners are now eligible to receive as much as \$6,600 in incentives for making the switch to a HPWH today thanks to programs offered by [BayREN](#) and the new [TECH Clean California Initiative](#).

Learn more [here](#) and work with a BayREN Home Energy Advisor to come up with an upgrade plan by calling (866) 878-6008 or [scheduling an appointment](#).

Technical Assistance for New All-Electric Affordable Housing



CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION

The Building Initiative for Low-Emissions

Development (BUILD) Program is now accepting technical assistance inquiries! Interested housing developers and owners are encouraged to submit a Technical Assistance Inquiry Form to request assistance in the design and planning for new low-income all-electric residential projects and the adoption of near-zero emission technologies. To access the inquiry form please go to the [BUILD Program web page](#), and click the technical assistance link.

Technical assistance inquiries are submitted to the BUILD technical assistance provider, Association for Energy Affordability, and reviewed by the California Energy Commission (CEC). Technical assistance for specific projects and incentive applications will be available once the guidelines are enacted. Sta anticipates consideration of the final guidelines by the Commission at a February business meeting, and subsequent enactment by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as established in CPUC Resolution E-5116. For more information, please contact BUILD@energy.ca.gov.

EBCE Resilient Homes Program

[Resilient Home](#) is a program from Alameda County's public electricity provider East Bay Community Energy (EBCE). EBCE has done the upfront legwork to select an experienced partner, Sunrun, and pre-negotiated solar and battery backup system incentives for Oakland homeowners. To further lower customer costs, Sunrun will pay homeowners \$1,250 after installation for agreeing to share their stored energy with EBCE when demand on the power grid is high. This will help the grid operate more reliably, and cut carbon emissions and costs for all EBCE customers.

Power through life's disruptions.

New solar + home battery backup incentive available in Alameda County.

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EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY

Keep the lights on and the fridge cold. [Sign up now](#) to see if a solar and battery backup system is a good fit for your home

MATERIAL CONSUMPTION + WASTE

Reusable Foodware Service Providers in Alameda County

Looking for reusable foodware for your business or event? StopWaste has collected [a list of service providers](#) that have successfully completed StopWaste's Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process, identifying businesses and nonprofits able and interested in delivering reusable foodware solutions for projects in Alameda County.

URBAN GREENING + CARBON REMOVAL

Plant Trees and Support Oakland High School Students

Support Keep Oakland Beautiful's intern project with TreePlenish by volunteering to plant trees! Students from Bishop O'Dowd High School need volunteers to help them plant saplings on **March 26** to replenish their school's paper usage. We will plant 295+ cherry, apple, or olive trees that homeowners have requested. Volunteers will bring and plant the trees for the homeowner in their private yards. [Learn more and sign up here.](#)



Free Webinar on Soil Basics

On **March 10, 5-6 pm**, learn why healthy soil is beneficial for the growth of your plants, reduction of pests, and the water efficiency of your garden. We will show you how to build & maintain nutrient rich soil whether you're starting with a bare lot or a mature garden. This class is for all levels of gardeners. Register at



https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_v_AA7228TuusKphCa25yaA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Grant Opportunities with Partners for Places

[Partners for Places](#) is a successful matching grant program that improves communities by supporting equitable sustainability projects that build partnerships between local government leaders, frontline community groups and place-based funders in the U.S. and Canada. National funders invest in local projects developed through these partnerships to promote a healthy environment, a strong economy and well-being for all residents. Through these investments, Partners for Places fosters long-term relationships that make our communities more resilient, prosperous and equitable.

These one-to-one matching awards provide partnership investments between \$25,000 and \$75,000 for one-year projects, or between \$75,000 and \$150,000 for two-year projects, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local foundations.

Deadline to submit applications is April 13. An [informational webinar](#) will be held on March 10th at 12pm PST.

Registration for Community Emergency Response Team Training Opens in March

Participants will learn to identify and reduce potential hazards in their own homes, workplaces, and neighborhoods; manage disrupted utilities and put out small fires; provide basic medical aid by opening airways, controlling bleeding, and treating survivors for shock; search for and rescue victims safely; and organize themselves and spontaneous volunteers to be effective until additional help arrives.

Oakland CERT training takes 33 hours to complete – the course for adults is currently being offered via a hybrid model where basic instruction takes place virtually and the hands-on Skills Training and Assessment provided in person. CERT Training is free of charge to all. Ready, Oakland? Visit this page on March 21, 2022 to register:

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/oaklandcert>

If your organization would like to have relevant community events or opportunities posted here, please email us at climate@oaklandca.gov.

We'd love to hear from you! For Questions or comments contact climate@oaklandca.gov