



# Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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## Environmental Stewardship



## **Oakland Earth Day is April 20th, 2024!**

On **Saturday, April 20, 2024**, the City of Oakland is celebrating **Oakland Earth Day!** This is a day of community service, education, and commitment to practices to keep our environment clean and green. Groups and individuals of all ages and abilities are invited to join, or even host their own, events throughout Oakland. Site registration is now open and interested parties can begin signing up.

Visit [oaklandca.gov/earthday](https://oaklandca.gov/earthday) to learn more about registration and Oakland Earth Day.

## **Adopt-a-Drain Before the Rain**

You can help reduce flooding and keep trash out of our waterways by adopting a storm drain and keeping it clear of debris. The City of Oakland's Environmental Stewardship Team provides tools, supplies, and debris pick-up for Adopt-a-Drain volunteers. Remember, "Clear the drain before the rain" and report storm drain maintenance needs to Oak311.

Visit [www.adoptadrainoakland.com](https://www.adoptadrainoakland.com) or scan the QR code to adopt one or more storm drains in your neighborhood or near your workplace!



## **Friends of Sausal Creek Earth Day Events**

This Earth Day, volunteer with Friends of Sausal Creek and partners to help keep our parks healthy, beautiful, and resilient for generations to come. They have several opportunities across the watershed on **April 20th, 21st, and 27th**. Please see the flyer below for more details about their events. You can RSVP on their [event calendar](#).

# EARTH DAY 2024







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**SATURDAY, APRIL 20**

- Barry Place: 9 am - 12 pm
- Dimond Park: 9 am - 12 pm
- Montclair Railroad Trail: 9 am - 12 pm
- Beaconsfield Canyon: 9 am - 12 pm
- Wood Park: 1:30 - 4:30 pm

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**

- Bridgeview Trailhead: 9 - 11 am

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27**

- Marj Saunders Park: 10 am - 1 pm

RSVP with QR code or visit [www.sausalcreek.org](http://www.sausalcreek.org)



## Keep Oakland Beautiful Community Grants



Keep Oakland Beautiful (KOB) awards community grants of **up to \$1,000** every year. Individuals or community groups can apply for a grant to help fund a project that helps keep Oakland clean, green and beautiful, and brings people together in public space. Successful past projects have included park and neighborhood cleanups, beautification projects, tree and greens planting, community gardens, pop-up libraries, graffiti removal and murals, and litter container tile mosaics.

**[Visit their website to learn more!](#)**

## More from Keep Oakland Beautiful:

- **Lake Merritt Clean Up:** Join Keep Oakland Beautiful on **April 20th from 9am - 12pm** as they help beautify Lake Merritt. [Please reserve your spot here!](#)
- **Earth Day Celebration:** You are invited to Keep Oakland Beautiful's 3rd annual celebration on **Saturday, May 4th, 5pm - 8pm**. [Grab your tickets today!](#)



## Report & Prevent Local Flooding to Protect our Properties

More than 300 miles of pipes below Oakland's streets carry stormwater into waterways that flow into the San Francisco Bay. When working well, this system is barely noticeable. However, much of the City's pipes and supporting infrastructure were built decades ago and in some areas the system is near the end of its useful life. In addition, development of vacant land over time has increased the amount and intensity of storm water runoff during storms and some areas of the system can be overwhelmed by heavy rains. The Storm Drainage Master Plan will help the City prioritize storm drainage infrastructure rehabilitation and improvement and will identify projects designed to prevent or reduce local flooding at "stormwater hotspots." **Find out more and help identify local flooding hotspots in Oakland at [www.oaklandca.gov/topics/sdmp](http://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/sdmp).**



# REPORT & PREVENT LOCAL FLOODING TO PROTECT OUR PROPERTIES



1. Report Local Flooding Hot Spots
2. Call 311 for Service
3. Adopt A Drain!
4. Protect your Property

## Clean Water Program: Grants to Help Protect Waterways

The Alameda Countywide Clean Water Program is offering grants **up to \$6,000 each** for community-based projects that prevent stormwater pollution and enhance the health of local watersheds, creeks, and the San Francisco Bay. Eligible projects include cleanups, outreach and education, creek restoration, public art, litter reduction. The deadline for submissions is **May 10, 2024, 5PM**. For details and to download the application packet visit [www.cleanwaterprogram.org/grants](http://www.cleanwaterprogram.org/grants).

## Transportation



### **West Oakland's Universal Basic Mobility Pilot**

Building on the success of the East Oakland Universal Basic Mobility Pilot, the [West Oakland Universal Basic Mobility Pilot](#) continues the transformation of public transit in Oakland. Thanks to a generous grant from the Alameda County Transportation Commission, up to 1,000 income-qualifying residents can receive a \$320 benefit for public transit and shared mobility services. If you live or work in West Oakland and qualify as "Low" or "Moderate" Income, you're eligible to participate. Keep an eye out for sign-up opportunities opening in early 2024!

### **Clean Cars for All Program**

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's [Clean Cars for All Program](#) is now open and has expanded to the entire Bay Area (within the Air District's jurisdiction). Income-eligible Bay Area residents can receive grants **up to \$12,000** to trade in their old vehicle (model year 2007 or older) and purchase or lease a cleaner vehicle or get a pre-paid card for public transit or an e-bike. Eligibility is based on income, the vehicle to be retired, and other requirements. **Visit the [Clean Cars for All website](#) to learn more and apply.**

## **Buildings & Energy**

## Building Electrification Clubhouse in Downtown Oakland

The Building Electrification Clubhouse is a monthly workshop for building industry professionals in downtown Oakland. Come enjoy a fun evening with interesting speakers, engaging conversation, and light refreshments! This is a space for contractors, tradespeople, designers, project managers, and others to share knowledge, hear from expert peers, and get your questions answered.

Learn More: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/building-electrification-public-engagement>



## Ava Community Energy: New Name, Same Great Services, and Exciting New programs for Saving Energy and Electrifying

East Bay Community Energy is now **Ava Community Energy**! Ava is your local electricity provider, founded in 2018 by Alameda County, the cities in Alameda County, and the City of Tracy. Learn more: <https://avaenergy.org>

### Here's more from Ava:

- New PG&E rates went into effect January 1, 2024. Learn more: [AvaEnergy.org/pge-2024-rate-increases-explained](https://avaenergy.org/pge-2024-rate-increases-explained)
- Local Sponsorship Applications: Ava awards community sponsorships to local organizations up to \$2,500. The application is currently open to sponsorships awarded in April! Learn more: [AvaEnergy.org/community-sponsorships](https://avaenergy.org/community-sponsorships)
- Commercial Induction Rebate: Upgrade your commercial kitchen to induction and get to \$17,500 in rebates <https://tinyurl.com/iccrebate-ava>
- Save money when upgrading to a heat pump water heater with up to \$400 in rebates now! Visit: <https://avaenergy.org/programs-residential/>
- evFleet Consulting Program: Transition your commercial fleet to electric vehicles





# TECH CLEAN CALIFORNIA

## TECH Clean California Heat Pump Water Heater Incentives

- As of February 6, 2024, single family market rate heat pump water heater incentives are fully reserved for electric investor-owned utility (IOU) customers in PG&E service area. Learn more about the update [here](#).
- **Single family Equity incentives** are still available. To learn more about Equity incentives, visit <https://switchison.org/techcleanca/hpwh-equity/>



## Induction Cooktop Lending Program and Rebates

Induction is the safest and most energy-efficient cooking technology available today. The difference is in the technology. See for yourself!

- **Ava:** [Reserve your Induction Lending Kit today](#), including a portable cooktop and compatible pan, operating instructions, and recipes. The loan period is 21 days. The induction Cooktop lending Program is available to all residential electricity customers residing in the East Bay-- Ava customers as well as non-customers who receive service from PG&E.
- **PG&E:** PG&E's Induction Cooktop Loaner Program offers plug-in countertop induction units for two-weeks, at no cost, to all residents. To borrow and learn more about induction cooking, visit [pge.com/inductionloaner](https://pge.com/inductionloaner) where you can start the loan process. PG&E will provide shipping details and cover shipping costs.

Ava is also offering **up to \$250** 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. Restrictions apply. Learn more and apply [here](#) today!

## **Touring an All-Electric Home: A Renter's Guide to Decarb-Friendly Living**

Noah, an advocate for all-electric homes, guides us through a rental property to showcase the benefits of sustainable living. He focuses on the kitchen's induction range, offering a cooler and safer cooking experience, which comes in several styles, including knob-controlled and touch-sensitive. Alongside the range, which expels zero combustion-related pollutants (thus needing less ventilation) Noah introduces a versatile heat pump for efficient heating and cooling, ideal for homes with no duct system needed! Click the video below to hear more!



## **Urban Greening**

### **Oakland's Urban Tree Dreams in the News**

Bay Nature featured a comprehensive story exploring Oakland's plan to address urban tree inequities and restore its declining tree canopy in underserved neighborhoods. The City's draft Urban Forest Plan aims to prioritize equity, biodiversity, and community engagement for a more sustainable and resilient urban environment. You can view the article [here](#).

### **Bringing Back the Natives Garden Tour**

Save the date for the Bringing Back the Natives Garden tours! In-person and virtual tours are planned for April and May. Please join us for any or all of these events, which will be held on the following dates:

- In-person tour: **Saturday and Sunday May 4th and 5th**, 10:00am-5:00pm

Registration is required!

## Material Waste and Consumption

### Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress program

This Earth Day, we are pleased to offer you easy opportunities to love our planet. One simple way to divert waste from landfills is through the Mattress Recycling Council's Bye Bye Mattress program. MRC's program recycles foam and innerspring mattresses, futon mattresses that can separate from the futon frame or base, as well as box springs. At collection locations, unit limits vary by location and residency restrictions may apply. We recommend contacting the location prior to drop-off. This Earth Day, we hope you will visit <https://byebyemattress.com/california/> to learn how to recycle your mattress or share this information with a friend or family member.



### Earth Day Compost Giveaways

As part of SB 1383, a new California law aiming to reduce emissions from organic pollutants, the City of Oakland is mandated to buy and utilize huge amounts of compost to support our climate justice efforts. This means that FREE Compost is

available to you at seven of our garden sites on **Saturday, April 20, 2024!** Please bring your own containers.

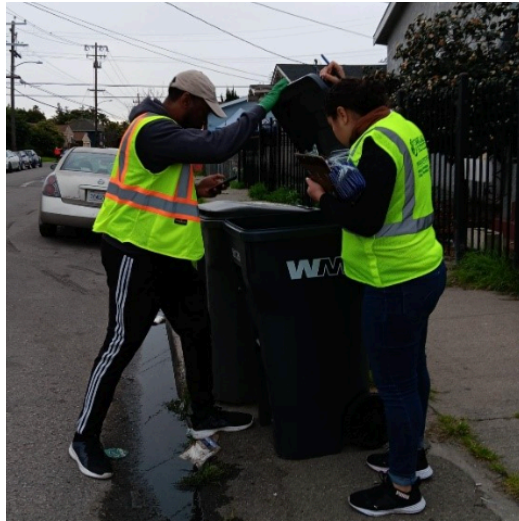
### **Earth Day Compost Giveaway Locations:**

1. Arroyo Viejo Park: 7701 Krause Ave. Oakland, CA 94605
2. Bella Vista Community Garden: 1025 E 28th St Oakland, CA 94610
3. Cesar Chavez Park: 1800 38th Ave., Oakland, CA 94602
4. Golden Gate Community Garden: 1025 E 28th St Oakland, CA 94610
5. Mosswood Park: 3612 Webster St., Oakland, CA 94609
6. Temescal Community Garden: 876 47th St. Oakland, CA 94608
7. Union Plaza Park: 3399 Peralta St. Oakland, CA 94608

### **Recycling Team Audits Trash, Recycle and Compost Containers**

The City of Oakland Recycling Team staff, Climate Action Corps Fellows, and hired consultants conducted visual audits of 2% of Oakland residents' and businesses' trash, compost and recycle containers March 3 – March 15. California's [Senate Bill 1383](#), Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Act, requires all CA cities to conduct these annual field audits to understand how residents are sorting their waste. This information will be used to better educate people on what goes into each container. More details and FAQ on the audits can be found [here](#); you can also watch ABC7's segment [here](#) to gain insight into what these audits look like.



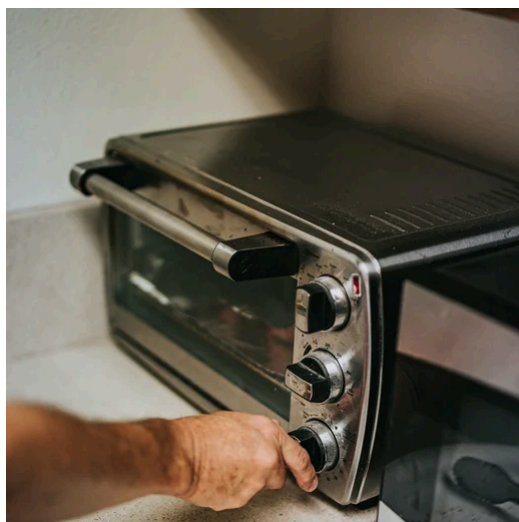


## StopWaste: "DeliverZero" Ambassador Program

Reusable foodware service provider DeliverZero is bringing their take-out foodware system to Alameda County, supported by a StopWaste grant for reusable foodware infrastructure. Their innovative ambassador program invites residents to get involved in recruiting restaurants and other food businesses to sign up for DeliverZero's services. Ambassadors get training and materials and can earn cash incentives. Download [the flyer](#) for more information.

## Fix-It Clinics

When your kitchen appliance breaks, do you repair it or dispose of it and replace it? Tune in to [KQED's segment](#) to learn about Fixit Clinics! These clinics are pop-up events held all over the country and in the Bay Area, where individuals bring their broken items to disassemble and try to fix them with the assistance of 'fixit' coaches. We're excited about the momentum these clinics have gained, especially as the new Right-to-Repair law takes effect in July.



## Reducing Waste: Spotlight on Oakland Non-profits

This month we highlight [The Sudo Room](#) at [Omni commons](#). They host a weekly 'HardwareHack Night' on Tuesday Nights. This event encourages individuals to come and learn more about how to repair their electronic hardware. Visit [The Sudo Room event calendar](#) to learn more about this event and how to attend!



## Adaptation

## Building Momentum for Resilience Hubs Across the Bay Area

Join [Thrive Alliance](#) and [Collective Resilience](#) for a three-part workshop series from **March 26th to May 22nd** to understand the landscape of resilience hubs in the Bay Area, learn the concepts and tools needed to develop resilience hubs, and develop partnerships with nonprofits, faith organizations, governments, and funders. Visit [Thrive Alliance](#) to learn more about this workshop series and how to register!



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# Announcements

## **Rising Sun Climate Careers Program**

Climate Careers offers young leaders the opportunity to gain paid, hands-on work experience while taking climate action. Rising Sun is currently hiring 15-24 year-olds for a workplace learning opportunity. As an Energy Specialist, they will spend the summer helping residents save energy, water, and money through Green House Calls. Green House Calls consist of energy and water audits of households, at no cost, and the installation of energy- and water- saving devices, also at no cost. For more information about Rising Sun's Climate Careers Program, or their energy services, please visit [Rising Sun's website](#).

## **OUSD Earth Month Art Contest**

It's time to get those creative environmental actions flowing with the OUSD Earth Month Art Contest! This year's theme is "**Fighting Food Waste**". We invite OUSD students from PreK-12th grade to submit their artwork showing ways you fight food waste at home, school or in your community and/or what you do with your food scraps. Learn more about the contest and how to submit your work [here](#). Need some inspiration? See student artwork submissions from our 2023 contest [OUSD Earth Month Art Contest Gallery 2023](#). For support with the Earth Month Art Contest, email Benner Mullin: [benner.mullin@ousd.org](mailto:benner.mullin@ousd.org)

## **Mycelium Youth Network's Gaming 4 Justice Event**

On April 20 and 21, [Mycelium Youth Network](#) will be cooking up a visual experience in partnership with NorCal Public Media. It will feature their newest program, Gaming 4 Justice, which offers creative opportunities for youth to participate in the classic game, Dungeons and Dragons, with a climate justice focus. Dungeon Master, Marcy Brown will be assisting youth in creating unique adventurer personas and guiding 7 youth through an interactive game and reenactment, filmed by NorCal Public Media, to be aired this coming fall. Stay tuned with our work to find out if the fantasy adventurers save the forest, or if the ruthless businessman, Frank Cravens will have the last laugh!



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



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