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🌍 Earth Day 🌍

Did you know Earth Day is coming up? It's organized by the City's Adopt-A-Spot program, with so much community leadership. Here are a few examples of the amazing events that weekend. Did you know there are compost giveaways at many of the sites?! So cool, don't miss out!

KEEP OAKLAND BEAUTIFUL

MOSSWOOD PARK EARTH DAY
PICK-UP WITH PUPS

SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 10 AM

SPONSORED BY

Registered Volunteers will receive COMPLIMENTARY tickets to an Oakland Ballers baseball game!

FREE COMPOST GIVEAWAY

SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

TIME: 10AM-2PM

**PICK UP FREE COMPOST AT A COMMUNITY
GARDEN NEAR YOU**

Allendale Park Community Garden

Arroyo Viejo Community Garden

Bella Vista Community Garden

Bushrod Community Garden

Cesar Chavez Community Garden

Union Plaza Community Garden

Golden Gate Community Garden

Marston Campbell Community Garden

Mosswood Community Garden

San Antonio Community Garden

Temescal Community Garden

Verde de Carter Community Garden

3711 Suter Street, Oakland Ca

Arthur St. & 79th Ave Cul-de-Sac

11th Ave behind Bella Vista Elementary

584 59th Street, Oakland Ca

3705 Foothill Ave., Oakland Ca

34th and Peralta Street

1068 62nd Street, Oakland Ca

17th Street and West Street

Webster Street & MacArthur Blvd.

16th Ave & E 19th Street

876 47th Street, Oakland Ca

Corner of Bancroft Ave & 96t

**BRING YOUR
OWN
CONTAINERS**

**LIMITED
SUPPLY!**

FIND OUT MORE AT

[HTTPS://WWW.OAKLANDCA.GOV/TOPICS/OAKLAND-EARTH-DAY](https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/oakland-earth-day)



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SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025

**31st Annual
Oakland
Earth
Day!**



Volunteer!
Oaklandca.gov/Earthday

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(510) 238-7630, 711 for relay service



This year celebrate
Earth Day by volunteering in your
community! Projects and free
compost across Oakland.

Sign up today!



Celebrate Oakland Earth Day!

Check out our **interactive map** to find a project near you and **[sign up today!](#)**

Ready to get started? Visit our website at

<https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/oakland-earth-day>

All ages are welcome.



Shoreline Cleanup!

[Middle Harbor Shoreline Park](#)

(in the Port of Oakland)

2777 Middle Harbor Road

Oakland, CA, 94607

Register on [MeetUp](#) or RSVP [via this link](#)

Questions? info@nurture-nature.org



Keep Oakland Beautiful 4th Annual Earth Day Celebration

The ultimate night of fun! Join KOB on Saturday, May 10th for the 4th Annual Earth Day Celebration at Lakeside Park Garden Center, an inspiring evening to celebrate keeping Oakland beautiful. Enjoy great food & drinks, music, a silent auction, and a special program honoring our community. Tickets support Keep Oakland Beautiful and includes unlimited food & drinks. [Grab your ticket!](#)

A green-themed graphic with a light green background and darker green accents. At the top left, a dark green oval contains the year '2025' in white. Below it, the text 'Community Grant Applications' is written in a large, bold, black serif font, followed by 'Now Open!' in a smaller, italicized green serif font. To the right of the text are several small green circles of varying sizes. Below the main title, there are four rows of information, each with a label in a dark green rounded rectangle and a corresponding detail to its right. At the bottom left, there is an illustration of a person with dark skin and hair, wearing a white shirt and black shorts, kneeling on the grass and watering a small tree with a white watering can. In the bottom left corner is the 'KEEP OAKLAND BEAUTIFUL' logo, which features a stylized bird icon. At the bottom right, a dark red rounded rectangle contains the URL 'https://bit.ly/KOBgrant2025' in white text.

2025

Community Grant Applications

Now Open!

Funding	Up to \$1,000 per project
Deadline	May 31, 2025
Who can apply	Individuals, neighborhood groups, churches & organizations
Evaluation criteria	Creativity, community benefit, sustainability, ability to complete

<https://bit.ly/KOBgrant2025>

 KEEP OAKLAND BEAUTIFUL

Community Grants

Applications for the 2025 cycle of the Keep Oakland Beautiful Community Grant program has opened! In 2024, KOB awarded over \$14,000 in grants to 15 projects

across diverse Oakland neighborhoods. [Applicants are encouraged to apply early](#) - the deadline is May 31.

Transportation



What is Ava SmartHome Charging?

Ava SmartHome Charging is our new EV and PHEV managed charging program, launched in partnership with [Optiwatt](#), a trusted leader in managed charging technology. Our goal is to help you maximize energy bill savings and increase your use of renewable energy by shifting your charging to off-peak hours.

How Do I Get Started?

- 1. Sign up for a free Optiwatt account:** Visit the Optiwatt website or download the Optiwatt app for free on your iOS or Android mobile device to [sign up](#).
- 2. Set up your profile and get verified:** Add your address and vehicles. Optiwatt will guide you through the setup and verification process.
- 3. Claim your first reward:** Once your account and first charging session are verified, your \$75 joining reward will be processed. You can redeem your reward via ACH, Venmo, PayPal, digital gift card, or charitable donation.

4. Set up charging preferences: Use the Optiwatt app to configure your charging schedule, trips, and preconditioning settings.

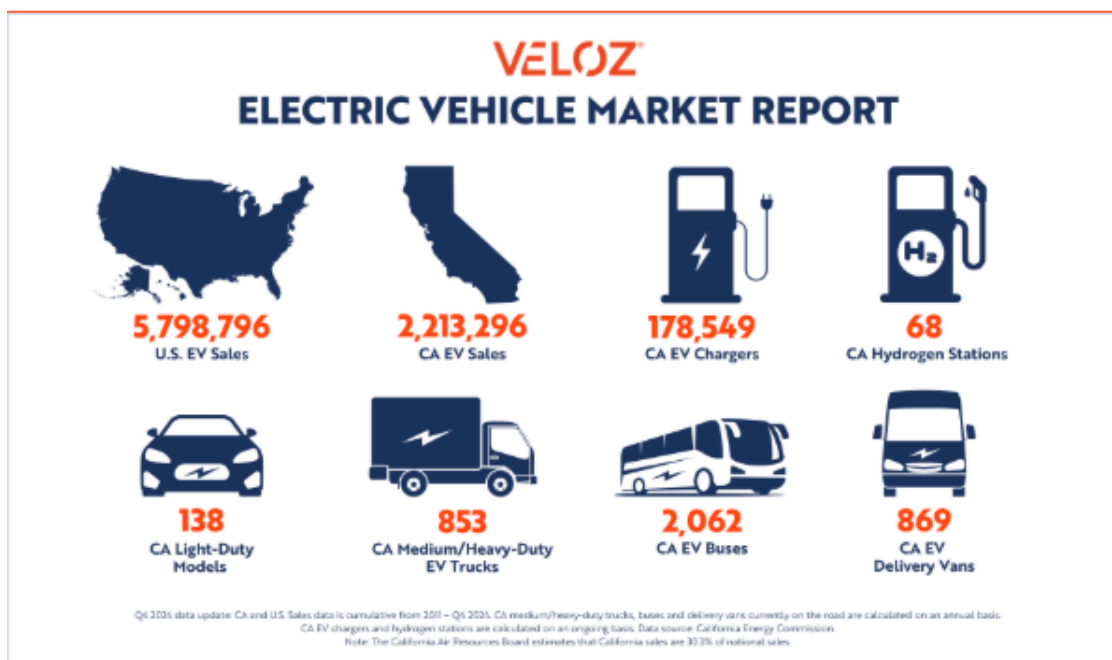
5. Continue earning and saving: You'll earn monthly rewards for as long as you stay in the program, and the Optiwatt app will help you automatically shift charging to off-peak, clean energy times to reduce your energy bill and charging emissions.



New Public EV Chargers Coming to Eight Locations:

Oakland's Department of Transportation (OakDOT) is partnering with EV charging company Flash to add 244 new Level 2 EV chargers at the Oakland Museum of California, Pacific Renaissance Plaza, 180 San Pablo lot, and other locations. Level 2 chargers provide 240 volts of electricity, allowing nearly all electric vehicles to charge from empty to full in four to eight hours. The chargers will be installed at no cost to the City, and the City will receive half of net revenues from charging. The new charging sites will be operational by the end of 2025 – some with on-site battery systems, lighting, and other property improvements. Click the links for more information: <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/sustainable-oakland-1>
www.flashparking.com

California's EV Charging Network Grows by 26,193, Now Totals 178,549



California's nation-leading electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure continues to expand at a record pace. According to the Office of California Governor Gavin Newsom, [California now has 48% more EV chargers than gasoline nozzles in the state](#). Continued investments from programs like the Clean Transportation Investment Plan and federal partnerships are enabling swift deployment of charging stations in urban, suburban, and rural communities alike. For the latest data on California's EV infrastructure expansion, visit the California Energy Commission's (CEC) charging dashboard.

Home EV Charging is Easier Than Ever! Now Available to More Oaklanders

Many Oaklanders who drive or want an electric vehicle (EV) don't have dedicated off-street parking for home charging. After a year of development, the City has published guidance for Oakland residents in qualifying locations to legally and safely charge their EV at home by extending a cord across the sidewalk to a parked vehicle, subject to the requirements. The Guidance is applicable to residents with

ground-floor homes or units with adjacent sidewalks but without access to dedicated off-street parking, on streets with a maximum grade (slope) of 5%.

Oakland is now one of just a handful of cities in the US that has made it legal for qualifying residents to run a cord across the sidewalk. This is an important step toward making EVs accessible to everyone. You can [access the guidance here](#). Please help us spread the word!

Environmental Stewardship

The infographic features a large image of a flooded street on the left. To its right is a dark blue box with the title 'REPORT & PREVENT LOCAL FLOODING TO PROTECT OUR PROPERTIES' in white. Below the title are four numbered steps, each with a corresponding image: 1. A QR code with a 'SCAN ME' button; 2. The 'OAK 311' logo; 3. A person cleaning a storm drain; 4. A close-up of a storm drain inlet.

**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

Photo Courtesy of Oakland Environmental Services Division

Report and Prevent Local Flooding

- 1. Report Flooding Hot Spots** Report sites on public property that regularly flood during rain storms to help the City identify where major Storm Drainage system upgrades are most needed. www.oaklandca.gov/topics/sdmp
- 2. Request Service via Oak311** For immediate service, report flooding emergencies to OAK311 by dialing 311 or (510) 615-5566. Make less urgent requests for service online, by emailing OAK311@oaklandca.gov, or via the OAK311 mobile app. www.oaklandca.gov/OAK311
- 3. Adopt-a-Drain Before the Rain** Keeping storm drain inlets clear helps prevent local flooding during storms and maintain water quality. Adopt a Drain

enrollees can borrow City tools and supplies, request debris pick up and get storm notification emails. www.oaklandca.gov/AdoptADrain

4. **Protect Your Property** Prepare and insure your property for storms. Clear gutters and drains, check sump pumps, prevent flood intrusion with sandbags or more long-term drainage fixes, and stabilize slopes with appropriate vegetation and erosion controls. www.oaklandca.gov/topics/winter-storms

Announcements

Take action!

Get your hands dirty!

OUSD CLIMATE ACTION DAY AT THE CENTER

Come visit, volunteer, and help raise funds for the Center and our Master Gardener partners on a beautiful Spring day in May.

This event is being hosted in partnership with our California Climate Action Corps Fellows and is centered on planting, weeding, and mulching.
*We will be firing up our pizza oven and providing pizza to all the volunteers.
For non-volunteers, we will be having a pizza fundraiser.
Please dress in layers, close-toed shoes, and bring gardening tools for volunteering.
We also recommend bringing a hat, water bottle, and sunscreen.*



Help beautify the Center through planting, weeding, and mulching! Stay to enjoy wood-fire pizza and our beautiful garden.

Enjoy The Center Outdoor spaces from 12-2pm, purchase \$4 edible plants during the UC Cooperative Extension Plant Sale, and participate in gardening workshops!

When:
Saturday, May 3rd
Volunteering: 10am to 12pm
Plant Sale: 10am to 2pm
Activities (pizza fundraiser and gardening workshops): 12-2pm

Where:
2850 West St., Oakland, CA



The Center is an OUSD facility that is home to the Central Kitchen, Instructional Garden and Education Center, serving as the home and hub of the school meal program, school garden program and environmental education

Review the Eventbrite for more information and RSVP via website link or QR code.



If unable to register, walk-ins welcome too!
<https://tinyurl.com/28maevyv>

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact EFG Programs at efgprograms@ousd.org



The Center at OUSD will be hosting a Climate Action volunteer event, pizza fundraiser, plant sale, and gardening workshops on **May 3rd from 10am to 2pm at 2850 West St., Oakland, CA 94608.**

Our volunteer event will be from 10am-12pm and led by our California Climate Action Corps Fellows who will be focusing on three topics: weeding, planting, and mulching. Additionally, the UC Cooperative Extension Plant Sale fundraiser will be happening from 10am-12pm. Come purchase \$4 edible plants just in time for spring! 🌸

We will also be having a pizza fundraiser in addition to gardening workshops from 12-2pm. All Oakland community members who are interested are invited so we can beautify the Center's green spaces, support our natural environment, and give back to our community! 🌱

Here is a [link](#) to our flyer 😊



Oakland Unified School District's (OUSD) Waste Prevention Program wrapped up their annual Earth Month Art Contest. This year's theme was Love Your Earth. OUSD students from grades Pre-K to 12th grade were invited to submit their artwork. The contest ran through the month of February. Thank you to all students who participated in the contest. Participants And winners will be connected in April around Earth Week to acknowledge their creativity and celebrate their outstanding achievements. Ready for some Love Your Earth inspiration? View the student

artwork:

https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1tr1q8zrcUG57REu_to4_KbZa11ZD1APQusXY_MgkIlw/edit?usp=drivesdk

Canva Link:

https://www.canva.com/design/DAGjn2gZlE/kylyYF0ZjyPcbFVmFzhKgA/view?utm_content=DAGjn2gZlE&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniqueLinks&utlId=h249932abcc



Thanks to the John H. Anderson Stewardship Training Fund, Cal-IPC is offering 40 scholarships for our 2025 Symposium to support students and early career professionals pursuing work in the conservation field. Twenty scholarships will be awarded for in-person attendance in Ventura and 20 for remote attendance online. In-person attendees receive waived registration and a \$400 stipend. Online attendees receive waived registration and a \$100 stipend. **[Learn more and apply here by May 1.](#)**

NEWS RELEASE

City of Oakland Encourages Oakland Residents to Apply for the Police Commission
Applications Due April 25, 2025

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Oakland, CA – Mayor Kevin Jenkins and the Police Commission Selection Panel announce the opening of the application process to serve on the Oakland Police Commission. Applications are available

at www.oaklandca.gov/policecommission and will be accepted until **April 25, 2025**.

Establishing and maintaining public trust and confidence in the Oakland Police Department (OPD) is essential for the department to provide the highest level of service to the community.

The Selection Panel will seek to make appointments that reflect Oaklanders' diversity of experiences, especially individuals from communities experiencing the most frequent contact with the police. Strong commitment to police accountability and public service will be prioritized. Duties include overseeing the Community Police Review Agency, which conducts investigations into allegations of officer misconduct; overseeing the Office of the Inspector General, which will conduct independent audits of OPD; proposing changes to, approving, or rejecting current or proposed OPD policies; and removing the Chief of Police for cause, as well as other duties.

Commissioners must meet two criteria:

- a. be a resident of the City of Oakland
- b. be over 18 years of age by the date of the first Commission meeting

The Selection Panel strongly encourages formerly incarcerated individuals to apply. Individuals meeting the following criteria are not eligible to serve on the Police Commission: current sworn police officers; current city employees; former OPD sworn employees; current or former employees, officials, or representatives of an employee association representing sworn police officers; attorneys with pending claim or lawsuit against OPD; and attorneys who have filed a claim or lawsuit against OPD that was resolved during the past year.

The Selection Panel will review applications, decide which applicants to interview and make final recommendations to City Council. Appointments will be made no later than October 16, 2025. Interested applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

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



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