

Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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Environmental Stewardship



Oakland Earth Day is April 22nd, 2023!

On April 22, 2023, the City of Oakland is celebrating Oakland Earth Day! This is a day of environmental protection, education, and stewardship. Individuals and households can take part by hosting or participating in events across the city, as well as pledging and committing to actions from home. Site Coordinator registration is now open, and volunteer registration opens April 3rd; visit <u>oaklandearthday.org</u> to learn more! #OaklandEarthDay



Adopt a Drain Today: Reduce Flooding and Keep Trash Out of Our Waterways You can help reduce flooding and keep trash out of our waterways by adopting a storm drain and keeping it clear of debris. Go to <u>www.adoptadrainoakland.com</u> to adopt one or more storm drains in your neighborhood or near your workplace.

Public Works 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 <u>Oak311</u>



Be #OaktownPROUD: Help Prevent and Report Illegal Dumping in Your Neighborhood

The City of Oakland launched #OaktownPROUD, a campaign for and by Oaklanders, to reduce unlawful dumping and improve our neighborhoods. Oaktown PROUD combats illegal dumping through the City's three E's: education, enforcement and eradication. Help prevent and report unlawful dumping by participating in free programs and services: use your free annual bulky pickup service, safely dispose of hazardous materials at 2100 E. 7th Street, report to OAK311, and more. For additional information, please visit <u>www.oaktownproud.com</u>

Transportation & Land Use

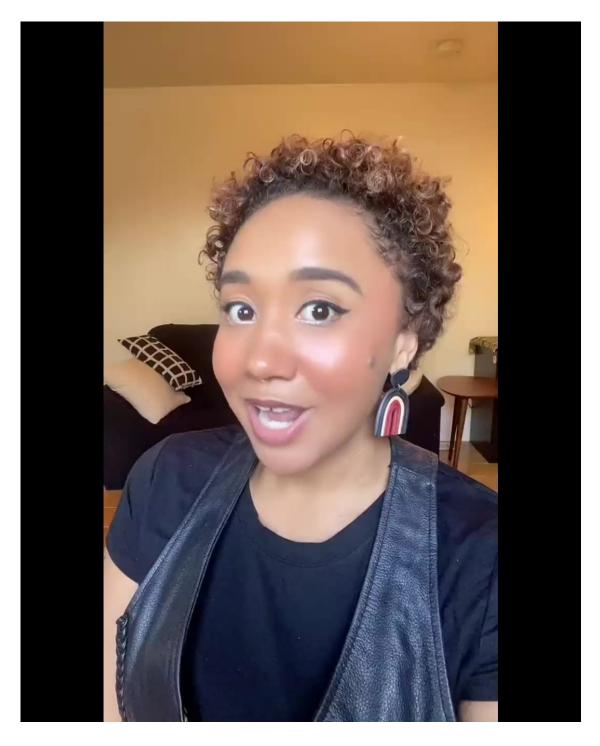


EBCE EV Charging Infrastructure Rebates

Limited funding remains for Level 2 electric vehicle charging infrastructure through East Bay Community Energy's partnership with the California Energy Commission's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP). Businesses, commercial and 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 <u>calevip.org/find-an-evsp</u>. To learn more about eligibility requirements, visit the <u>Alameda County Incentive Project website</u>.

Buildings & Energy



Loyal To Our Soil Campaign Launch and Update on City's Building Electrification Policy Roadmap Process

In collaboration with Maddy Clifford, an Oakland artist, activist, and educator, the City's Environmental Services and Sustainability teams are excited to launch the Loyal To Our Soil campaign! Loyal To Our Soil is a public education effort to inspire greater environmental and climate action in Oakland through proper waste sorting and building electrification. Short form videos will be posted to the <u>City of Oakland's Instagram account</u> so follow @oakland to learn more!

In addition, on February 14, 2023, City staff delivered two Informational Reports on electrification to City Council's Public Works Committee: one covering <u>workforce</u> <u>development</u> and the other focusing on <u>affordable housing and restaurants</u>. The Sustainability team is also conducting an intensive public education campaign about building electrification, presenting at Neighborhood Council meetings, holding popups at farmer's markets and festivals, as well as organizing resource fairs at community centers across Oakland. Learn where we will be next by checking our <u>outreach calendar</u>! For more information, visit the City of Oakland's <u>building</u> <u>electrification webpage</u> and find incentives, rebates, and supportive services to help you make the transition to a healthy, safe, and affordable all-electric home.

EAST BAY COMMUNITY ENERGY

EBCE Health-e Home Program and 2023 Commercial Rebates

EBCE's Health-e Home program, in partnership with BlocPower and Revalue.io, provides low- to moderate-income homeowners with affordable financing options to gain access to the health and safety benefits of transitioning to clean energy and electric appliances. The Health-e Home program also supports health and safety improvements such as wiring upgrades and roofing repairs—all to help reduce indoor air pollution, increase resiliency during extreme weather events, and potentially increase home value. For more information, visit <u>https://ebce.org/health-e-home/</u>

For businesses, EBCE has commercial rebates for restaurants and home performance contractors. EBCE is offering \$17,500 for <u>high-powered electric</u> <u>induction cooking equipment</u> for cleaner and more comfortable indoor air for staff and customers. For home performance contractors and plumbers, EBCE is giving

\$1,000 for qualified professionals to install <u>high-efficiency heat pump water heaters</u> in their service area. Learn more about these commercial rebates at <u>ebce.org/programs-business/</u> or call 1-833-699-EBCE (3223) during business hours.



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!

- **EBCE:** <u>Reserve your Induction Lending Kit today</u>, 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--EBCE customers as well as non-customers who receive service from PG&E.
- **PG&E**: PG&E's new 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 <u>pge.com/inductionloaner</u> where you can start the loan process. PG&E will provide shipping details and cover shipping costs.

EBCE is also 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. Restrictions apply. Learn more and apply <u>here</u> today!



Surveys on Building Electrification

The City of Oakland wants to hear your thoughts and perceptions on building electrification and how we can better facilitate the transition to 100% clean electricity in all buildings. Complete this <u>5-minute survey</u> here, also available in Chinese and Spanish.



EBCE Resilient Home Program

With **<u>Resilient Home</u>**, 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.

Keep the lights on and the fridge cold. <u>Sign up now</u> to see if a solar and battery backup system is a good fit for your home

Urban Greening



State of the Watershed with Friends of Sausal Creek

Friends of Sausal Creek is hosting our annual State of the Watershed Event: **Saturday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** at the Sequoia picnic area in Dimond Park. We will be sharing future focuses from the headwaters to the estuary through an assortment of mini-tours and interactive experiences including: Watershed Projects, Rainbow Trout Tour, Creek Daylighting Update, and a Dimond Canyon Trail Hike. Hope to see you there!



Keep Oakland Beautiful 2nd Annual Earth Day Celebration

<u>Tickets available now!</u> You're invited to a fun-filled, inspiring evening on Saturday, April 29th from 6-9pm celebrating a month of keeping Oakland green and Earth Day! Join us outdoors for delicious food and drinks, music, a silent auction, and a moving program highlighting Oakland community members dedicated to beautifying their communities.



Keep Oakland Beautiful 2023 Small Grant Applications

<u>Applications now open!</u> Keep Oakland Beautiful awards grants of up to \$800 every year. Individuals or community groups can apply to help fund a project that helps keep Oakland clean, green and beautiful, and brings people together in public space.

Set Up Your Garden For Success 3/16 Webinar

Spring is around the corner – let's get ready for a successful gardening season! Join organic gardening experts Suzanne Bontempo and Charlotte Canner for a free webinar on **Thursday, March 16, 5-6pm PT**. <u>Register Here</u>!

What we'll cover:

- The benefits of building a healthy garden from the ground up
- · How to grow healthy plants with a water-wise approach
- Pruning tips
- · Garden maintenance to reduce pest problems
- Your questions!

This webinar is part of a series of free monthly classes about organic gardening and non-toxic pest control, offered throughout the 2023 growing season by the <u>Clean</u> <u>Water Program Alameda County</u> in association with <u>Our Water Our World</u>.

Free Spring Gardening Workshop

Spring is around the corner so it's time to think about your garden. StopWaste and its partners are offering several free gardening workshops with hands-on, DIY techniques to help improve soil health – from applying compost and growing cover crops to sheet mulching. Learn more and register for an event: <u>https://www.stopwaste.org/at-home/home-and-community-gardening/gardening-events-calendar</u>

Material Consumption & Waste



Oakland Recycles \$1,000 Scholarship on Waste and Climate Change

Oakland Recycles invites applications from local nonprofit organizations to join our 2023 class of 100 Change Makers. This month-long environmental leadership program teaches participants about the connection between waste and climate change and clarifies questions about how to properly recycle and compost. **Up to 10 nonprofit organizations that successfully complete the program will be awarded \$1,000 each.** The weekly sessions take place virtually from 3:30-5:00pm on Tuesdays beginning March 14th and ending April 4th. For more information, contact Sarah LaRock at <u>slarock@wm.com</u> or sign up using the application link below: <u>Apply to join 100 Change Makers</u>

Recreate Danny's Mushroom "Bacon" Recipe

Sometimes, food surprises us and oftentimes that makes for a great story. This is what happened to Danny when he discovered how versatile mushrooms are! After mastering his mushroom "bacon" recipe, Danny continued experimenting with different vegetable substitutions and incorporating more vegetables into his meals. Read on about Danny's newfound love for vegetables and get the recipe to recreate his delicious mushroom "bacon" with what you have at home: https://stopfoodwaste.org/tips/blog/danny%E2%80%99s-mushroom-bacon

Announcements



2023 PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

POSITIONS

Recreation Aide (Entry Level)

supervision of youth participants and

• Manage equipment, set-up and clean

Teach your specialty to our communitySpecialties include dance, karate,

cooking, fitness training, art, sports, etc.Community outreach for programs.

Dain the OPRYD Team!

• All Recreation Aide responsibilities

• Assist Recreation Leaders with

· Maintain safety of activities and

lead recreation activities

up activities and facility

Recreation Leader I/II

Lead recreation activitiesPositive leadership

Recreation Specialist I/II

recreation facilities

Please visit our website for more detailed information on the positions, salaries, and to apply

- Recreation Attendant (Entry Level)
 - Provide Customer Service to patrons
 - Oversight of facility and grounds
 - Clerical and office functions including data entry and customer registration

Sports Official

- Officiate youth and/or adult sports gamesCommunicate with other sports officials,
- coaches and players
- make quick but well-informed decisions

Aquatics Positions

Current American Red Cross Lifeguarding/First Aid/CPR/ AED certification is required for all aquatics positions.

Lifeguard

 Responsible for the safety of all swimmers. Enforce facility rules and provide customer service. Teach swim lessons for all ages.

Water Safety Instructor

 Provide swim instruction to all ages and ability levels using the American Red Cross water safety guidelines for the Oakland community. Lifeguarding duties apply. Current American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI) required.

Pool Manager



 Provide swim instruction using the American Red Cross water safety guidelines for the Oakland community. Coordinate day-of swim lesson program and provide direction to Water Safety Instructors. Lifeguarding duties apply. Current American Red Cross Water Safety Instructor (WSI) required.

APPLICATION SUPPORT

DON'T HAVE A COMPUTER? NEED HELP WITH YOUR APPLICATION?

Scan the QR code for more information about our "application workshops"

and computer lab hours at one of our Recreation Centers near you.



Summer 2023 Jobs with City of Oakland Parks, Rec, and Youth

Development

CITY OF OAKLAND

PARKS, RECREATION &

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Are you or someone you know looking for a Summer Job? Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development (OPRYD) is hiring for several part-time summer positions ranging from Recreation Aides and Recreation Leaders to Lifeguards and Water Safety Instructors. Age requirements may vary, but opportunities are available for candidates as young as 16 years old. Applications are being accepted now! For more information and to apply online, click here: <u>OPRYD SUMMER JOBS</u>



sponsored by EBCE? Apply for a Community Sponsorship by March 31st. Learn more: ebce.org/community-sponsorships

Apply for \$2,500 EBCE Community Sponorship

East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) is the clean electricity provider for Alameda County and the City of Tracy. EBCE is committed to investing in our community. Toward that end, three times per year, EBCE issues financial sponsorships for nonprofits in EBCE's service territory. Apply today for up to \$2,500 for your organization's activity! The application process is simple. Details can be found at <u>ebce.org/community-sponsorships/</u>. The next round of applications closes July 31.

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



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