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Environmental Stewardship



Oakland Earth Day is April 20, 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 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 or scan the QR code to adopt one or more storm drains in your neighborhood or near your workplace!



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.**



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.

Fern Ravine Headwater Hike - Saturday, March 30, 10 am - 12 pm

Join Friends of Sausal Creek for a morning hike through Fern Ravine at Joaquin Miller Park, led by Ella Matsuda and Dr. Rob Leidy. Learn about the history of this beautiful intersection of ecosystems—where oak woodland, shrub scrub, grassland, wetland, and redwood forest meet. Check out the restoration efforts put forth over the last decade to revive heavily degraded habitats for fish and wildlife. We'll botanize along the way and learn about the many animals that live in and visit these ecosystems, including the San Francisco dusky-footed woodrat, coyote, and bobcat. **More details and RSVP [here](#).**



2024 Spring Stream Team - Paid environmental internship for OUSD high school students

Sharing an exciting opportunity for Oakland sophomores, juniors, and seniors to earn money while protecting the environment! The 2024 Spring Stream Team is a paid environmental training partnership between the [Youth Employment Partnership](#) (YEP) and [Friends of Sausal Creek](#) (FOSC). Spring Stream Team interns will learn about our local watersheds and nature, grow outdoor job skills, build career and college resumes, and make connections with other Oakland students.

The spring program begins March 25 through the end of May, with automatic enrollment into the summer Team Oakland program where students will earn a higher wage and gain more leadership experience as Assistant Team Leader.

Enroll soon! <https://www.yep.org/how-you-join/spring2024/>

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

Bay Area Regional Energy Network Event

Join us **March 28th** in the field to tour a 1940s Oakland bungalow that has undergone substantial energy upgrades to see energy efficient and all-electric features firsthand and understand how you might market this to your clients. **Events hosted by BayREN** can be found at: <https://www.bayren.org/events-training>.



Building Electrification Clubhouse in Downtown Oakland

The Building Electrification Clubhouse is a monthly workshop for building industry professionals in downtown Oakland. Join us on **April 11th, from 5:30 - 7:30 pm** to hear about this month's topic, "**Low Carbon Buildings: Tackling Materials and Construction**". 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 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 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!

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:

- Virtual tour: **Saturday and Sunday April 6th and 7th**, 10:00am-3:00pm
- In-person tour: **Saturday and Sunday May 4th and 5th**, 10:00am-5:00pm

[Registration](#) is required!

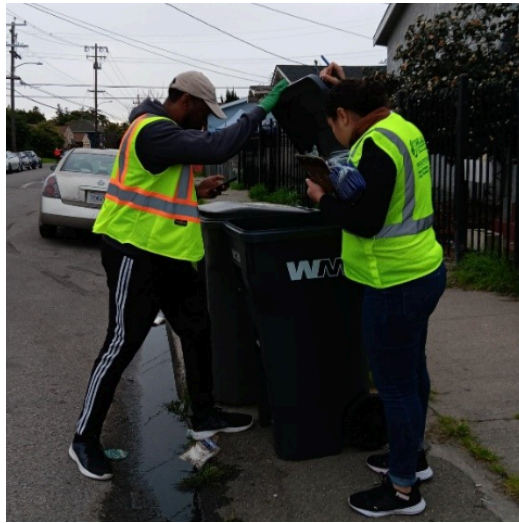
Material Waste and Consumption

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, [The Crucible](#) (West Oakland) highlighted the Oakland's vibrant bike culture and commitment to equitable transportation access through their Bicycle Repair and Maintenance Shop. This program encourages equitable access to clean transportation, and is partially funded by StopWaste's Reuse and Repair grant. [Learn more about the Crucible's free bike services.](#)



Announcements



Creek Care Day by Northeastern's Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub

Northeastern's Climate Justice and Sustainability Hub is happy to announce that we will be hosting our **Creek Care Day on the Oakland campus** on **Saturday, April 6th from 8:30-11:30am**. Creek Care Day is an opportunity for NU Oakland and the surrounding community to come together and gain hands-on experience helping to clear and clean trails near Leona Creek of plant debris. T-shirts will be given to participants. **RSVP is required.**

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



Keep Oakland Beautiful: Earth Day Event

SAVE THE DATE: **Saturday, May 4th from 5-8PM** at [Humanist Hall](#) in Oakland [Keep Oakland Beautiful](#) is hosting their 3RD ANNUAL fabulous evening celebrating a year of keeping Oakland green, clean, beautiful and litter free along with Earth Day! We will be honoring our inspirational Keep Oakland Beautiful Community Grant Awardees and others. This outdoorsy event beneath starry skies and giant oak trees features delicious food, drinks, music, a silent auction, and a moving program highlighting OakTown folks dedicated to beautifying our community.

Oakland Launches Micro Business Support Program for Immigrant Communities

The City of Oakland's Economic and Workforce Development Department (EWDD) is launching a new **Immigrant Micro Business Support Program** in partnership with The Unity Council and Feed the Hunger Fund, thanks to funding received via

the Local Immigrant Integration and Inclusion Grant (LIIG) of \$275,000 from California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development (GoBiz). This program provides workshops, financial coaching, and low-cost financing to Oakland's micro-enterprise and small businesses, with a focus on immigrant- and women-owned businesses.

Click [here](#) to view the entire press release.

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



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