



# Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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## Environmental Stewardship

29th Annual  
**Oakland Earth Day 2023**  
Saturday • April 22



## Oakland Earth Day 2023 Recap

A big THANK YOU to all the volunteers and 60 Site Coordinators that participated in this weekend's Earth Day events across town! Together, volunteers collected an estimated 900 bags of trash, gathered 300 bags of green debris, and planted over 100 plants! If you hosted an event, please remember to submit your volunteer activity and photos at <http://oaklandearthday.org>. For those interested in more volunteer opportunities with Environmental Stewardship, visit <http://oaklandadoptaspot.org> to adopt a public space and commit to regularly cleaning and maintaining it! #OaklandEarthDay

## Transportation & Land Use



## Environmental Justice and Safety Element Drafts Open for Public Review

The City of Oakland is extremely pleased to announce the release of the [Draft Environmental Justice \(EJ\) Element](#) and [Draft Safety Element](#) for public review and feedback! This is the first time the City has created an Environmental Justice Element and we are excited about the draft strategies and policies to reduce pollution burdens on Oakland's most vulnerable communities. The Safety Element Update provides a gameplan for addressing natural and man-made disasters and improving our resilience to climate change impacts. For a quick primer on what each Element covers, please check out our [EJ](#) and [Safety Factsheets](#) (multi-lingual translation for the Safety Factsheets will be coming soon).

The Draft EJ and Safety Elements are accompanied by a Racial Equity Impact Analysis (REIA) that analyzes each Element to support the development of equitable policies that are concrete, data-driven, outcome-oriented, and problem-solving.

We encourage you to take time to digest these drafts and provide us with any feedback and questions you may have. They will be available for 90-day comment period that begins on March 24, 2023, and ends on **June 22, 2023**. You may review and provide comments directly on the Draft Elements via Konveio or submit comments via email to [generalplan@oaklandca.gov](mailto:generalplan@oaklandca.gov).

We will be accepting requests for presentations on the Draft Elements from community-based organizations and neighborhood councils over the next few months. Please email requests to [generalplan@oaklandca.gov](mailto:generalplan@oaklandca.gov).



## **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 [calevip.org/find-an-evsp](https://calevip.org/find-an-evsp). To learn more about eligibility requirements, visit the [Alameda County Incentive Project website](#).

## **Buildings & Energy**



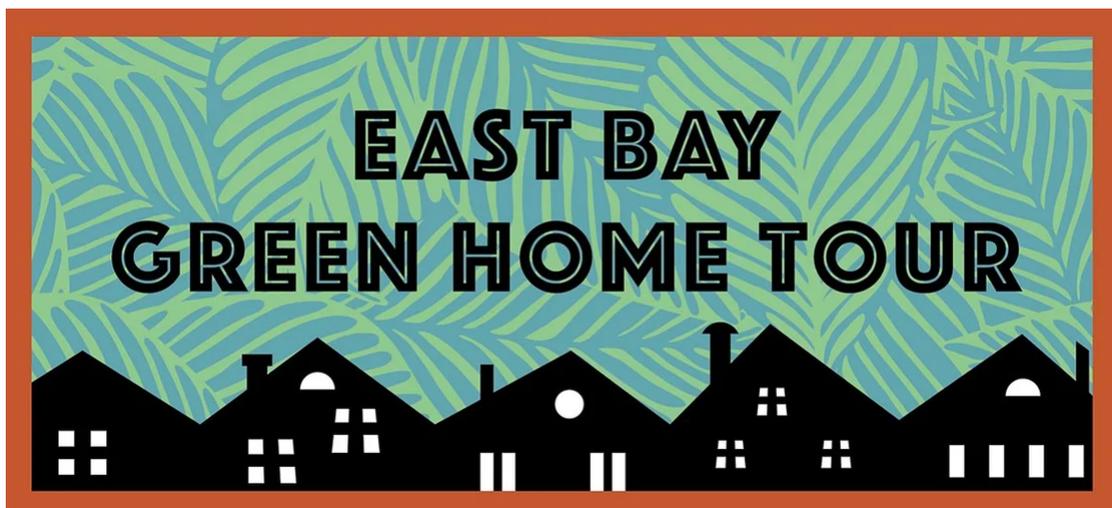
## **More Building Electrification Resource Fairs in May and June**

The City of Oakland's Sustainability team is continuing to host Building Electrification Resource Fairs throughout Oakland! On May 5th and 11th, we were at [Cypress Mandela Training Center](#) and the West Oakland Senior Center where local residents had the chance to speak with representatives from the major local energy service providers (BayREN, EBCE, Rising Sun, Grid Alternatives, PG&E) to learn about rebates and incentives for electrifying their home. Attendees also received tea made on our very own induction cooktop and enjoyed a free dinner from local caterers. We look forward to our future resource fairs and other pop-ups throughout Oakland's neighborhoods! [See where we are going to be next](#) in May and June on our website and [sign up for a resource fair](#) in your neighborhood on Eventbrite.



## New TECH Clean California Heat Pump Rebates

The [TECH Clean California program](#) is a statewide initiative to accelerate clean space and water heating technologies. For 2023-2024, the program has been allocated \$145 million over the next two years, with at least 40 percent of the funds committed to low-income households and disadvantaged communities. TECH Clean California has over 1,000 enrolled contractors who can help households claim [\\$1,000](#) for new heat pump HVAC systems, with up to two incentivized systems per home for a total of \$2,000 when replacing a gas appliance. Single family incentives for heat pump water heaters will launch later this year starting at \$3,100 per unit. [Multifamily](#) incentives will be available by early June and will include up to \$2,000 for heat pump HVAC systems per unit and \$2,100 for heat pump water heaters. The incentives are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Homeowners can take advantage of limited time incentives in California and find pre-qualified, TECH-certified contractors on the [Switch Is On](#) website.



## East Bay Green Home Tour 2023

Saturday, May 20, 10:00am–12:30pm

Online and Free, [Register Now!](#)

The East Bay Green Home Tour is your chance to take **a free, virtual tour of the homes of six of your neighbors** and see the eco-minded improvements they've made. Presentations by experts and Q&A's with homeowners will help you find your own way to improve air quality, generate clean energy, and move towards a safer, healthier, greener future, in the place you call home.

In this year's program, you'll see:

- culturally specific cuisines cooked on induction,
- a fantastic greywater and rainwater system,
- tips for new homeowners,
- how to electrify with no money down,
- how to electrify on a 100-amp panel,
- how to green a condo and persuade your HOA to go electric,
- and solar, batteries, and smart panels.

You'll **learn about local/state/federal rebates and incentives** for home upgrades, and the current landscape for solar—all from the comfort of your home. With every home upgrade, you can help us all to a more sustainable and climate safe future.



### New Zero NOx Appliance Standards

On March 14th, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) passed a new zero nitrous-oxide (NOx) emissions standard for furnaces and water heaters. NOx is a chemical byproduct of fossil fuel combustion that reacts to form ozone and particulate matter (air pollution). The resulting air pollution causes many health issues, including asthma, heart attacks, and premature deaths, with increased severity in racial minorities. For these reasons, BAAQMD approved the zero-NOx appliance standards, allowing only zero-NOx water heaters to be sold or installed in

the Bay Area starting in 2027 and zero-NOx furnaces following suit in 2029. A [factsheet summary](#) of these new regulations can be found on [BAAQMD's website](#).

## SIGN UP FOR A NO-COST GREEN HOUSE CALL



Green House Calls are provided by local youth who have completed our in-depth training program. During your appointment, they will provide the following at no cost to you:

- Home energy and water efficiency assessment
- LED light bulbs, 1 Smart A-19 light bulb
- A smart power strip OR multiple smart energy plugs; the choice is yours\*
- Draft stopping outlet gaskets
- Efficient flow faucet aerators and shower head
- Information about the BayREN Home+ program, offering residents up to \$5,000 in rebates for home energy improvements

\*While supplies last. Restrictions apply.

### SIGN UP TODAY!

- Scan the QR code with your phone camera and click on the link
- Visit: <https://bit.ly/GHCInterest2023>
- Call: (510) 665-1501 ext. 300



**IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE 6/20/2023 - 7/28/2023**  
For more information, visit: <https://risingsunopp.org/programs/ghc>

California consumers are not obligated to purchase any full fee service or other service not funded by this Program. This Program is funded by California utility ratepayers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).



## Green House Calls from Rising Sun

Would you like to reduce your utility and water costs? [Rising Sun](#) offers Green House Calls which are no-cost in-home retrofitting service to Bay Area residents as a part of our [Climate Careers](#) youth development program. During the Summer, our trained youth staff conduct [Green House Calls](#) that include the installation of LEDs, sink aerators, low-flow showerheads and more. Green House Calls consist of Non-Permanent installations so they're accessible for both renters and homeowners! How do you sign up for a Green House Call? Simple! Complete [this SURVEY](#) and we'll reach out to you to confirm your appointment this Summer.



## 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 <https://ebce.org/health-e-home/>

For businesses, EBCE has commercial rebates for restaurants and home performance contractors. EBCE is offering \$17,500 for [high-powered electric induction cooking equipment](#) 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 [high-efficiency heat pump water heaters](#) in their service area. Learn more about these commercial rebates at [ebce.org/programs-business/](https://ebce.org/programs-business/) 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:** [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--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 [pge.com/inductionloaner](http://pge.com/inductionloaner) 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 [here](#) today!



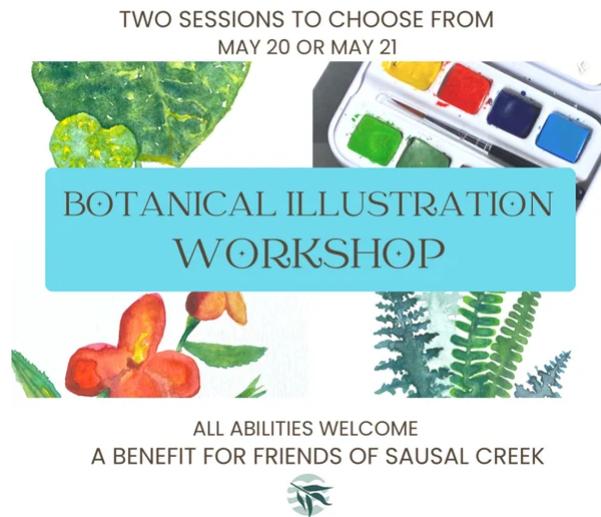
## EBCE Resilient Home Program

With [Resilient Home](#), 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. [Sign up now](#) to see if a solar and battery backup system is a good fit for your home

## Urban Greening



### **Friends of Sausal Creek Botanical Illustration Workshop**

Join Friends of Sausal Creek and artist Kristi Holohan for a botanical illustration workshop for all ability levels in Dimond Park along Sausal Creek on **May 20 and 21**. Tickets are available [here](#) with a sliding scale option for those in financial need. Proceeds go to benefit our native plant restoration, wildlife monitoring, and environmental education work in the watershed. For more information, please contact: [kristi.holohan@gmail.com](mailto:kristi.holohan@gmail.com)



## Keep Oakland Beautiful 2023 Small Grant Applications

[Applications now open!](#) 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.

## Material Consumption & Waste



## Sustainability at Mills College at Northeastern

Our Oakland campus hosted a creek clean up day where students and faculty restored a native species educational trail next to Leona Creek. We also oversaw our semesterly move out donations, diverting 1500+ cubic feet (about the size of a school bus!) of bedding, appliances, and more to local charities instead.

## Announcements

**2023-24 Fellowship**

**CALIFORNIA CLIMATE ACTION CORPS**

**Applications accepted until filled - apply TODAY!**

California Climate Action Corps, the first state-level corps of its kind, is led by California Volunteers and implemented by Bay Area Community Resources. The program is dedicated to advancing climate actions that engage community members, cultivate change, and leave a lasting impact.

This fall, 115+ Fellows will serve with public agencies, tribes, nonprofits, and schools throughout the state to engage communities in climate action.

**GOT 11 MONTHS? Join us for AmeriCorps service!**

**Volunteer Engagement**  
Mobilize communities by organizing volunteer opportunities for local climate action.

**Climate Action & Education**  
Educate communities and support climate action projects in urban greening, organic waste & edible food recovery, and wildfire resiliency.

**Learning & Mentorship**  
Receive training and mentorship from climate professionals.

**Fellowship Details**

- Serve 1,700 hours from September 18, 2023 - August 15, 2024.
- Receive up to \$30,000 stipend, \$10,000 in education awards (upon completion), & health benefits.
- Earn certifications and build real-world volunteer engagement and climate action skills.
- Be part of unique Governor's initiative program and statewide force of emerging climate leaders.

**APPLY NOW**  
Apply to be a California Climate Action Corps Fellow!  
Applications accepted until filled.

**BAY AREA COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

**CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEERS**  
Office of the Governor

**AmeriCorps California**

**SCAN ME**

## California Climate Action Corps 2023-2024 Recruiting

Are you ready to take climate action, connect people with volunteer opportunities, build community resilience, and get compensated along the way? You're in the right

place! As part of California's comprehensive strategy to address climate change, California Volunteers, Office of the Governor created the country's first state-level climate service corps and Fellowship program. [California Climate Action Corps](#) (CCAC) is a national service program led by California Volunteers and implemented by Bay Area Community Resources dedicated to advancing equitable climate action that engages community members, cultivates change, and leaves a lasting impact.

For 2023, CCAC is offering two (2) program terms. Join us for one, or join us for both!

1. Summer 2023 (300+ hours): June 5 - August 4, 2023
2. Full Term 2023-24 (1,700+ hours): September 18, 2023 - August 15, 2024

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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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