



Climate, Environment + Sustainability Newsletter



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Environmental Stewardship

23rd Annual

**OAKLAND
MLK
SERVICE
DAY**

Everyone can
be great, because
everybody can serve!
- Martin Luther King Jr.

Volunteer!

Oaklandca.gov/MLKDay
Monday, January 20, 2025



QR code for MLK Day registration

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MLK Day

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Volunteer with ESD on MLK Day of Service

Oakland Public Works, Environmental Services Division is getting ready up to host Oakland MLK Day of Service on January 20, 2025! Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a day of action where we honor Dr. King's legacy by giving back to our community through environmental stewardship and service.

Two Ways to Get Involved:

1) Register as a Site Coordinator (Deadline: December 23)

Site Coordinator 📝

Site Coordinator Roles and Responsibilities 🌐:

- Register a project location
- Lead service activities (e.g., litter clean-up, habitat restoration, beautification, graffiti removal)
- Request and pick up necessary tools
- Promote the project and coordinate volunteers on event day
- Report on post-event activities

2) Register as a General Volunteer or Group

Join a Project 👥

General Volunteer Roles and Responsibilities ✨:

- Approach each task with enthusiasm and create a positive environment
- Offer assistance as needed
- Follow safety guidelines and report any hazards to the site coordinator
- Stay hydrated, bring a water bottle, and take breaks when needed
- Wear comfortable, weather-appropriate clothing, including sturdy shoes and sun protection (hats, sunscreen)
- Enjoy the process and celebrate the positive impact you're making in the community!

Why Your Participation Matters:

By joining us on MLK Day, you're not only contributing to the well-being of our environment, but also honoring Dr. King's vision of justice and equality. Every project you take part in helps build a stronger, healthier Oakland for both current and future generations. Visit <https://www.oaklandca.gov/topics/mlk-day-of-service> to learn more about how you can get involved!

Take Advantage of these Grants from Keep America Beautiful

Are you looking to revitalize an area along a Martin Luther King Jr. (MLK) corridor? Or perhaps you are a Keep America Beautiful (KAB) affiliate looking to scale efforts in support of the Greatest American Cleanup?

It's time to apply for the MLK & Great to Greatest grants!

In 2025, KAB will provide:

- **Great to Greatest American Cleanup** grants ranging between \$500 and \$2,500 to 'keep things growing', boost efforts in support of the Greatest American Cleanup, and bring communities together to do beautiful things. This opportunity is only available to KAB affiliates in President Circle. *Applications are due by 5:00 pm ET on January 19, 2025.*
- **MLK Jr. Corridor Community grants** ranging between \$5,000 and \$20,000 to revitalize and beautify areas in and around MLK corridors. A letter of support will be required. *Applications are due by 5:00 pm ET on February 16, 2025.*

Cigarette Litter Prevention & Recycling Program grants will open mid-January 2025 so stay tuned!

[Click here](#) to apply and learn more about grant eligibility, requirements, and timelines.

**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**

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

Transportation



Port of Oakland receives \$322M from the EPA

The Port of Oakland is the recipient of a \$322M grant through the [EPA Clean Port Program](#) to fund electric and hydrogen cargo handling equipment and drayage trucks, as well as charging infrastructure, solar generation, and battery energy storage systems. With support from Congressperson Barbara Lee, U.S. Senators Alex Padilla and Laphonza Butler, and countless partners across the community, Oakland joins 55 other applicants in 27 states and territories to lead transformational change across the freight sector and make our cities cleaner and greener. Read more about how the Port will use this opportunity here: [Port of Oakland awarded historic \\$322 million EPA grant](#)

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO SEE A BAYWHEELS STATION?



Go to: [oaklandca.gov/BayWheels Expansion](https://oaklandca.gov/BayWheelsExpansion)



City of
Oakland

Department of
Transportation

Where do you Want to See a BayWheels Station?

Eighteen new BayWheels stations are on their way, with funding from the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. We need your help to determine where the new stations should be located. Bike share works best when connecting people from where they live to where they work, shop, and play. The StoryMap (<https://oaklandca.gov/BayWheelsExpansion>) shows several important factors to consider when expanding upon the existing BayWheels network. After exploring these maps and considering what makes a station effective, scroll to the bottom of the page to tell us where you want another BayWheels station located based on your own experience.

Local Businesses Provide Input on Zero-Emission Delivery Pilot

The City of Oakland is exploring a Zero-Emission Delivery Pilot, designed to improve access to electric vans and/or charging infrastructure for local businesses. We are seeking partnerships with local businesses interested in integrating electric vehicles into their operations. Your input is invaluable—**please take a moment to complete this brief [survey](#)** to share insights about your business and fleet. Please share this survey with others in the business community who might benefit from this opportunity. Thank you for helping us advance sustainable transportation solutions in Oakland!

Buildings & Energy



New Rebates for Building Electrification Through TECH Clean California

Single family homeowners in California can access \$45 million in HEEHRA rebates and new heat pump HVAC incentives available through TECH Clean California (for projects sold on or after November 12, 2024).

- Income-qualified households are eligible to receive up to \$8,000 in HEEHRA rebates to reduce the cost of purchasing a new energy-efficient heat pump HVAC.
- Statewide, TECH Clean California incentives of up to \$1,500 are available for new energy-efficient heat pump HVAC systems.
- Other available utility incentives can also be applied for greater savings.

Learn more [HERE](#)

For a full list of incentives for Californians, click [HERE](#)

Zero Waste



We Keep Us Safe: A Materials Reuse Story

In November, the Oakland Arena reached out to City staff about how to dispose of buckets of confiscated pepper spray from their security team. While we provided resources on facilities that process hazardous waste, City staff also suggested donating these items for community self-defense. After asking different Departments on potential interest, the Oakland Senior Centers chimed in and will receive over 400 units of pepper spray to give to our seniors. This is just one example on how

materials reuse can keep our communities safe and litter-free. Learn about how you can find a new home for unwanted items on the [Re:Source website](#).

Announcements

The Switch is On can Illuminate New Savings

[Time is running out](#) to take advantage of local, state, and federal programs to electrify your home and maximize savings. Whether a contractor or a customer, [Go to The Switch Is On](#) to get easy to understand information on what programs are available in your area and how you can be a part of the clean energy revolution.

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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