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Buildings & Energy



Ava Health-e Communities ✨

Ava Energy is seeking 200 households to participate in a pilot study to further understand the links between electrification and indoor air quality.

Benefits of Participation:

- Free new 30" induction range, including installation. If you need new cookware, we got you covered.
- Free electrical panel assessment and/or energy assessment.
- Free air quality monitoring. We'll monitor the air quality of your home before and after installing your new induction range.
- And, most importantly, a healthier and safer home.

Eligibility:

- Must be an active customer of Ava Community Energy.
- Must be enrolled in CARE or FERA, or live in an affordable housing unit*. [Learn more about the CARE program.](#)
- Participants can be renters or homeowners. If you are a renter, you will need to get approval from the property owner to participate in this program.
- The home can be a single-family or multi-unit dwelling with up to 4 units.

- The electrical panel cannot have an open recall and must be able to safely accommodate a circuit for the new induction range. This program does not cover full panel replacements. You will be notified if your panel does not meet these requirements after the initial site visit.

BayREN Launching EASE Home Program in Late Summer 2025 ✨

Get a Free Home-Site Visit & Low-Cost Home Energy Upgrades

From BayREN's New Efficiency & Sustainable Energy (EASE) Home program

BayREN's EASE Home Program helps income-eligible residents make energy upgrades for comfort and health at home.

Program Offerings

- Site visit performed by a trained expert
- Comprehensive support, from installation to permits and rebate applications
- Optional electrification options
- Transparent pricing, with BayREN covering up to 80% of the core package costs
- Co-payment maximum of \$1,000 only after installation is completed

Who Qualifies?

- Homeowners who live in a single-family residence in the nine Bay Area counties & serviced by PG&E.
- Has a household income under or at 120% Area Median Income (AMI).

Household Size	Alameda County 120% AMI
1	\$126,900.00
2	\$144,975.00
3	\$163,125.00
4	\$181,200.00



EASE Core Package Includes:

- Insulation
- Air Sealing
- Duct Sealing or Replacement
- Smart Thermostat upgrade

(Core package eligibility dependent on site visit review!)

Find out more at:
www.BayREN.org/EASE



Interested households can sign up for the Alameda County specific Pre-launch interest list to receive updates on the program and will be contacted to enroll as soon as eligibility opens in your neighborhood.

<https://forms.gle/CFfLSsT3JDaf3XfE6>

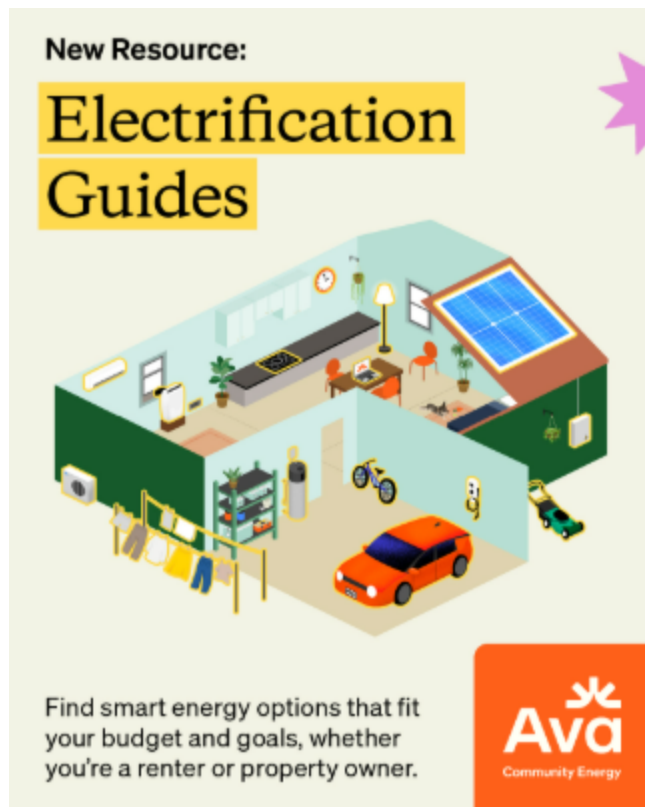
*The pre-launch interest list is not official enrollment.



The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is a coalition of the Bay Area's nine counties partnering to promote resource efficiency at the regional level, focusing on energy, water and greenhouse gas reduction.
www.BayREN.org/EASE | info@BayREN.org

The program will cover 80% of the cost for key weatherization upgrades and offer free technical support, with additional upgrades available. Visit www.bayren.org/ease-home to learn more. To receive updates and be notified when the program is available in your area, join the pre-launch interest list [here](#).
Note: Joining the interest list does not guarantee or count as enrollment.

New Electrification Guide Now Available ✨



Ava Community Energy has been providing electricity generation services since 2018, but they're more than just our city's not-for-profit electricity provider. Ava is also here to help you navigate clean energy options that work with your priorities and budget, whether you're looking to reduce bills, create a healthier home, or do your part for the environment.

Get started with electrification: AvaEnergy.org/go-electric

EmPower My Home ✨



EmPOWER MY HOME

Upgrade to an all-electric home — for little to no cost



PG&E's EmPower My Home program helps households enjoy a more comfortable, energy-efficient home by switching from natural gas appliances to modern electric alternatives at a **reduced or no cost**.

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There are two ways you can participate:

1. Complete a quick and easy online home energy survey at Empower-MyHome.com
2. Schedule a time with a qualified contractor for an in-person energy assessment by calling 341-223-8444 or emailing info@empower-myhome.com

After your energy assessment, you will receive a personalized Project Plan that outlines the home improvements and associated costs, if any.

Why participate?

✓ **New** electric appliances and home upgrades, including:

- Induction stove
- Heat pump and Air Conditioning (for both heating and cooling)
- Water heater
- Clothes dryer

- Insulation
- Duct sealing
- Electrical panel upgrades

✓ **Reduced energy usage**, leading to potential savings on your energy bill

✓ Contribute to a more **sustainable future!**

Don't miss your chance! Start your home upgrades today—sign up for a home energy assessment at Empower-MyHome.com

Zero Waste

Follow StopWaste on Social Media 🌟📺

Facebook: Get tips and inspiration on how to stop waste, reuse and repair, and go green at home and school. @StopWasteOrg

Instagram: Check out food waste reduction and storage tips and composting and sustainable gardening ideas from Alameda County and beyond. @Stopwaste

LinkedIn: Join our LinkedIn group for business waste prevention resources, industry updates, and networking.

YouTube: Watch videos about reducing food waste, turning food scraps into compost, and more

Yummy Summer Treat to Not Waste 😊



Avocados are filled with numerous health benefits! Don't let them go to waste. The best way to store them is to leave them on the counter until ripe and then move them to the fridge to slow down the ripening process. If your avocados get overly ripe, our friends at StopWaste have the perfect recipe for you to make a simple, delicious nutrient-packed treat. *Get the avocado popsicle recipe [Here](#)* 🥰

Summer Gatherings are Here ☀️



Visit [Oakland Recycles](#) for information on how to properly sort recycle, compost, and trash. 🗑️ Did you know that your food scraps and yard trimmings that you put in your green bin are recycled into compost, which farmers throughout the Bay Area use to grow the food we eat? Help your community create healthy compost by **keeping plastic, glass, and trash out**. #healthycompost #foodinplasticout Visit: [Here](#) for more information!

Oakland's Reusable Foodware Ordinance is Here ✨



The Reusable Ordinance aims to reduce litter and plastic pollution in our environment by prioritizing the use of reusable foodware over single-use foodware (like plastic utensils). Under the Reusable Ordinance, food vendors like restaurants, cafes, and fast-food establishments are now required to:

- Provide single-use foodware accessories like straws and utensils upon customer request or at self-service stations only,
- Use customer-provided reusable containers (when requested by customers) for to-go orders so long as the containers are clean and safe.

Starting **July 1, 2025**, food vendors will be required to use reusable foodware (e.g., ceramic plates, glass cups, steel utensils) for dine-in service.

The City has resources for businesses on this website (scroll down) – [Reusables Ordinance](#) – including a Single-Use Item Upon Request sign – available in Chinese, English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

How can you help?

Remember to bring your reusable container when getting your morning coffee out, only take disposable items you will actually use, and make it clear if you plan to dine in, so that your food is served on reusable dishware.

Transportation

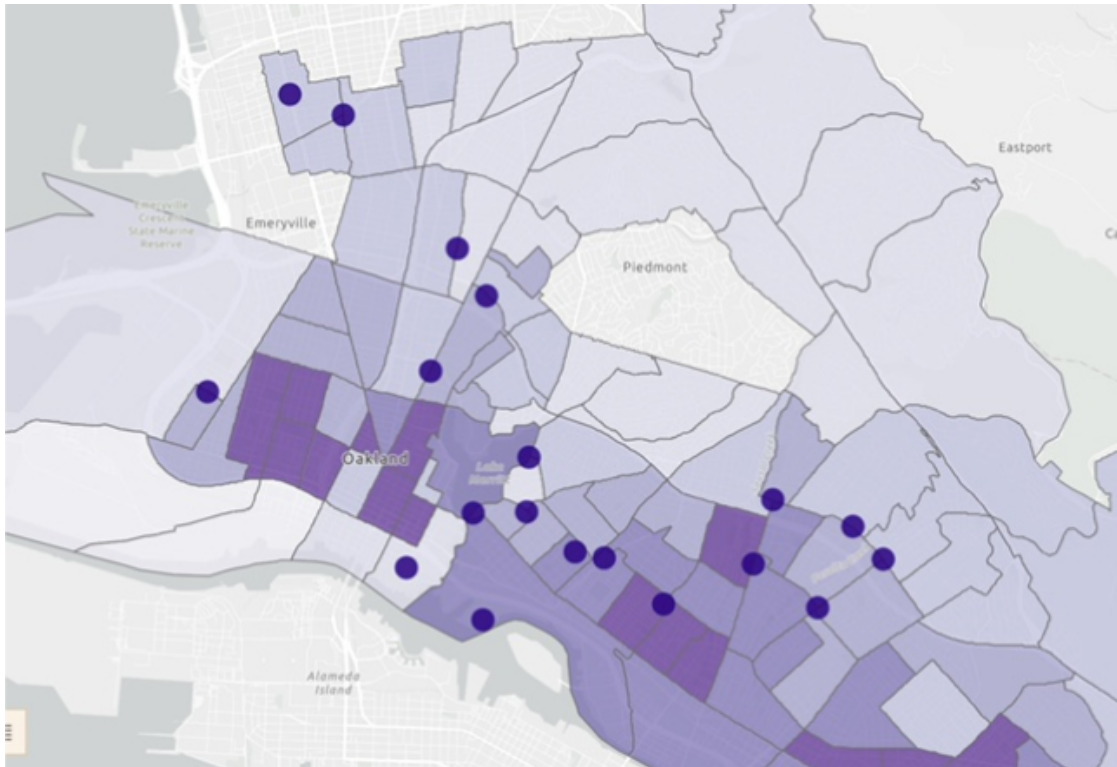


Program Seeks to Expand Affordable Access to e-Bikes to Support Fun Sustainable Trips 🚲

Ava Community Energy (Ava) today announced the launch of its Ava Bike Electric instant rebate program, which aims to increase equitable e-bike adoption, reduce transportation-related carbon emissions, and support local businesses. Ava is the not-for-profit public electricity supplier to Alameda County and the cities of Stockton, Lathrop, and Tracy. E-bikes are a fun and convenient carbon-free option for commutes, errands, outings, and recreation. The Ava Bike Electric program helps eligible participants get the right type of e-bike for their need. **Here are a list of locations in Oakland:**

- ✨ Laurel Cyclery
- ✨ Rhythm Bikes
- ✨ The New Wheel
- ✨ Tip Top Bike Shop
- ✨ Trek Bicycle of Oakland

Expansion of BayWheels 🚲



The map above shows **18 new locations**

For *new* BayWheels users:

The City of Oakland is offering **FREE monthly memberships** for new users of BayWheels. Simply fill out the short form at tinyurl.com/OaklandBayWheels, and you will receive an email with a code for a free month of membership, as well as \$15 of in-app credit. A monthly membership entitles you to the use of all BayWheels stations in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and San Francisco, with 45-minute standard bike rides and deeply discounted e-bike rides.

For All BayWheels users:

City employees get \$25 off annual BayWheels bike share membership! This discount makes the \$150 annual membership only \$125. (This discount is not a negotiated benefit and is unrelated to employee bargaining.)

1. Go to <https://bit.ly/gobaywheels> and log in* or join with your personal phone number and email address.
2. Click 'Enter promo code'.
3. Enter your promo code **oakbikes35612** in the pop-up and click 'Submit'.
4. Follow the redirect to enter your work email address and click 'Verify'. An email will be sent to complete verification.
5. Once verified, you can finish signing up with your discounted rate.

* If you already have a Lyft or Bay Wheels account, log in using that account

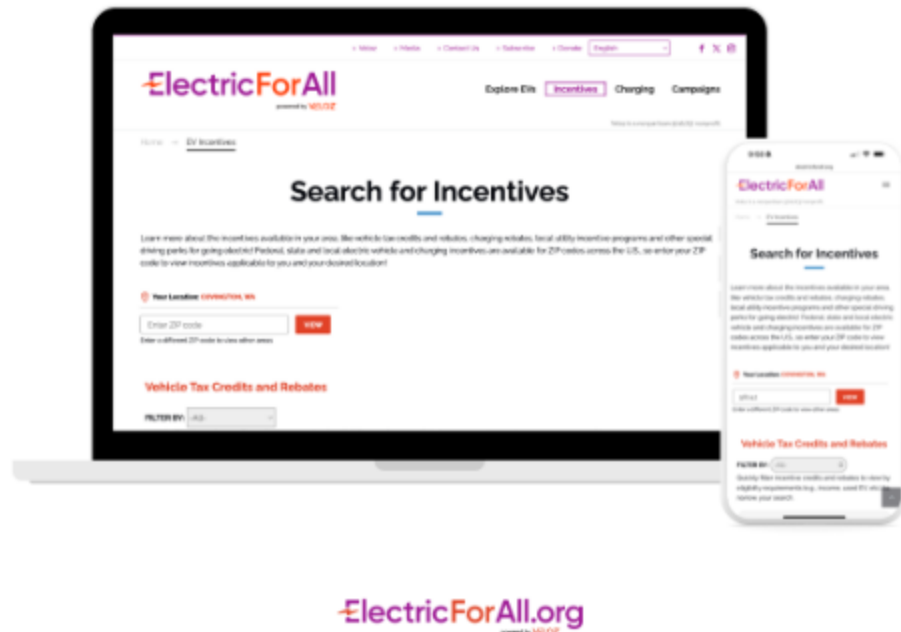
New Bay Wheels Location in Oakland's Flatlands🚲



Credit: Darwin Bond-Graham

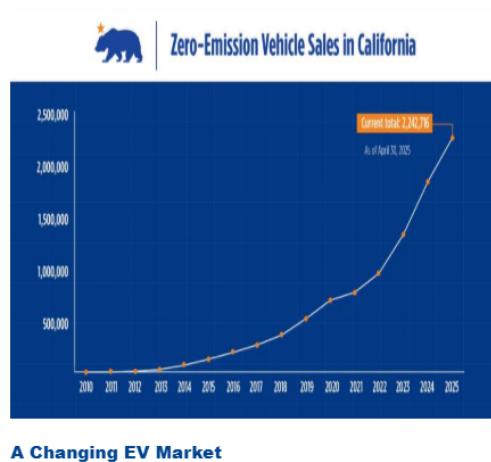
A year after the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and its city partners **announced** they were adding new stations throughout Oakland, we finally know where they'll be located. 10 will be in East Oakland. According to Bay Wheels, the 19 locations include the intersections of Brookdale Avenue and Fruitvale Avenue, East 21st Street at 14th Avenue, and MacArthur Avenue and Maple Avenue. The Oakland Department of Transportation has created a **page** that shows all the other new locations. On that page, residents can click on a survey that will help the city determine in May which side of the street the docks will be on.

**Did you know, Veloz has expanded ElectricForAll.org
Nationally💪**



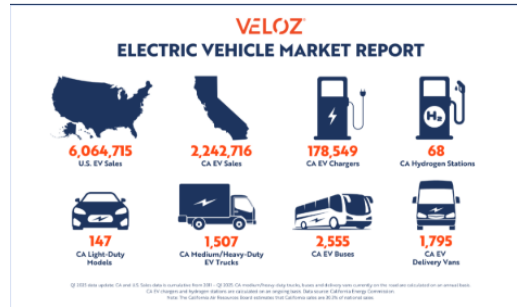
They offer a national, ZIP code-based Incentive Finder bringing federal, state, and local incentives in one place, including Justice40 communities. For more information visit ElectricForAll.org

California ZEV Sales Hold Steady to Start 2025 ⚡



A Changing EV Market

California's EV Market Holds Steady Despite Decline in Tesla Sales in Q1 2025



Californians purchased 100,326 electric vehicles (EVs) during the first quarter of 2025, holding the EV market at 23%. Total EV sales went down by about 2.61% year-by-year; this shift was primarily by a 21.5% drop in Tesla registrations. At the same time, non-Tesla EV sales increase by 14% now making up more that 62% of all EVs sold in CA. Nationally, EV sales grew by 11.4% in the first quarter compared to last year. Consumers benefited from a selection of over 147 available EVs up from 105 models last year. Greater affordability as battery prices dropped about 20% in 2024 along with support from federal, state, and local incentives, and increased access to public and residential charging infrastructure to keep consumers interested in buying EVs. California is on a road to electrification! 🌱🔌

For more: [Read Veloz Full Analysis & EV Market Graphs](#)

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. You can [access the guidance here](#). Please help us spread the word!

Environmental Stewardship



OUSD Winners! Excellence in School Sustainability🌍

From the StopWaste Agency: In [this issue](#), we present the Environmental Leadership awardees, our goals and focus areas for the upcoming fiscal year, advancements in energy efficiency, and share our recognition as a California Green Business. Get to know all of the awardees [here](#).

Over the past 15 years OUSD has not only envisioned, tested, formalized, and rolled out food scrap recycling in school cafeterias across the district, but also introduced food share carts to their waste sorting stations. These allow students to place uneaten, unopened food items, so other students can take these, preventing edible food from getting wasted. [Take a look at our youth and community in action](#) ✨

Report and Prevent Local Flooding 💧



REPORT & PREVENT LOCAL FLOODING TO PROTECT OUR PROPERTIES



SCAN ME







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

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



Oakland, Let's Celebrate Our Youth! 🌟

This summer, keep an eye out for the *bright green shirts* of **Team Oakland**—our city's dedicated youth making a tangible difference!

Since 1993, Team Oakland has been a City-sponsored summer employment program for youth aged 15 to 24. These young individuals gain practical job training through meaningful beautification and cleanup projects, including park maintenance, habitat restoration, fire fuel management, and community outreach.

Administered by Oakland Public Works in partnership with Youth Employment Partnership, Team Oakland empowers our youth to engage with their community and environment, fostering a sense of responsibility and pride.

So, if you see these hardworking teams around the Town, give them a shout-out or a wave! Let's show our appreciation for their commitment to keeping Oakland beautiful 🌳

Sustainability & Environment ☀️



Take a look at our new website! Please explore and leave feedback.

The City of Oakland is committed to becoming a more sustainable city - a community in which all people have the opportunity to pursue safe, happy, healthy and fulfilling lives, now and into the future. [On our website you can:](#) sign-up for the sustainability newsletter, view reports & resources, city council resolutions, climate action topics, news, and more.

Environmental & Beautification Projects/Volunteering



Habitat Restoration Parties



Image from and content from California Native Plant Society Newsletter

California Native Plant Society (CNPS) are having Wednesday Work Parties in order to restore some incredible habitats. People 12 years of age and older are invited. There will be several volunteer task available, at times on steep slopes. Please wear

closed toe shoes and clothes you do not mind getting dirty. [Click here](#) to see their calendar containing a variety of events! 🌱🌸

Help Shape the Future of Your Regional Parks and More 🌳



The East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD) is seeking community input to develop EBRPD's next District Plan. It is a great time to join the next conversation and share your thoughts on the future Park Districts. Take a moment to learn more and [take the survey](#).

Share your Vision for the I-980 Freeway: The 980 team at Caltrans will be hosting a few events this summer to engage residents in developing the community vision for I-980. They have prepared three strategies that they want Oakland community to weigh in on. The [survey](#) is open through mid-July!

For more information: visit the [General Plane Update website](#) or please contact Joanna Winter at generalplan@oaklandca.gov

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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