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Oakland's 30th Annual Creek to Bay Day!



Celebrate three decades of community stewardship!

Join us for **Oakland's 30th Annual Creek to Bay Day**, a hands-on cleanup event where volunteers help keep our creeks, parks, and neighborhoods clean and vibrant. Bring your gloves, your friends, and your energy—everyone is welcome to help protect and care for our city's waterways and green spaces. 🌊🌳🐾

Activities:

- Creek & park cleanup
- Trash removal & habitat restoration
- Invasive plant removal
- Nature walks & educational demos

Bring:

- Comfortable, washable clothes & closed-toe shoes
- Gloves & reusable water bottle
- Sunscreen & hat
- Energy & community spirit

Ready to Join? Sign Up Here! ➡

Buildings & Energy

⚡ Federal Clean Energy Tax Credits Ending Soon



Several clean energy tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act are set to expire over the next two years. If you've been considering upgrades, now is the time to act:

- **Electric Vehicles:** Up to \$7,500 for new EVs and \$4,000 for used EVs — expires **September 30, 2025**
- **Home Upgrades:** 30% tax credits (up to \$3,200) for heat pumps, HVAC, and energy efficiency — expires **December 31, 2025**
- **Solar & Batteries:** 30% tax credits for home solar and battery systems — expires **December 31, 2025**
- Leased systems may still qualify through the company owner via the Investment Tax Credit (ITC).
- **EV Charging Equipment:** 30% tax credit (up to \$1,000 per item) — available through **June 30, 2026**

Clean energy investments remain a smart long-term choice, saving money on fuel and maintenance while improving comfort and air quality at home.

Free On-Demand Class: Retrofitting Homes for Electrification and Decarbonization



Enroll to attend online ([PG&E Energy Education Classes](#))

Whether you're a DIY'er or a construction professional, this **free** previously recorded presentation from PG&E will help you up your game for home energy efficiency and electrification retrofits. The class features case studies of successful electrification projects and ways to overcome the challenges presented by existing infrastructure. Dan Perunko of Balance Point Home Performance presents electrification strategies in completed retrofit projects. Learn more about the critical considerations for electrifying your future projects.

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[✨]

It's EASE-y to Upgrade Your Home and Save Money with EASE Home!

BayREN's Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EASE) Home program helps income-eligible residents make energy upgrades that improve health and their home's comfort.

What Are the Benefits?



Boosted comfort



Lower energy bills



Improved air quality

How Does the Program Work?

1. **An Energy Advisor visits your home and recommends customized, low-cost upgrades**, like insulation and duct sealing.
2. **We handle all the details**, from permit and rebate applications to installation through our vetted contractors.
3. **All pricing is transparent and fixed**, with BayREN covering 80% of the cost of core weatherization and energy efficiency measures.*
4. **Our team will maximize your savings** by stacking and applying for all available rebates for you, in addition to what BayREN covers.



How Do I Get Started?
Apply and schedule your free site visit TODAY!

Who Qualifies?

You can participate if you:

- Live in a single-family home (up to 4 units) built before 2010.
- Are a PG&E customer.
- Have a household income under or at 120% AML. See below for guidelines.

Household Size	Income Limit
1	\$126,900
2	\$144,975
3	\$163,125
4	\$186,850
5	\$210,225

Visit BayREN.org/income-guidelines for more.

Contact us with any questions at:
EASEhome@BayREN.org | 866-998-8655



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.

*The customer pays just 20% but no more than \$1,000 for core measures under the BayREN EASE Home program. Core measures include qualifying weatherization, energy efficiency, and associated minor home repair measures, i.e., insulation, duct sealing/ replacement, and air sealing. The cost for additional measures like new electrical appliances will be determined by the measure cost minus available third-party rebates. For more information, please reach out to your Energy Advisor.



The Bay Area Regional Energy Network offers low-cost home upgrades through the Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EASE) Home program. To participate, you must live in a single-family home built before 2010, be a PG&E customer, and have a household income under or at 120% AMI.

After verifying your eligibility, we manage your project from start to finish.

- You get a free site visit with an Energy Advisor creating a customized plan to upgrade your home's energy efficiency.
- We handle all details, from permit and rebate applications to installation through our vetted contractors.
- All pricing is transparent and fixed, with BayREN covering 80% of the cost of core weatherization and energy efficiency measures*.
- Our team will maximize your savings by stacking and applying for all available rebates for you, in addition to what BayREN covers.

Ready to start saving? Schedule your site visit today! In the meantime- sign up for Alameda County's pre-launch registration form to receive an enrollment link and reminder on August 5th! <<https://www.bayren.org/ease-home>>

Contact us with any questions at:

EASEhome@bayren.org

866-998-8655

EmPower My Home 



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**.

Get started at Empower-MyHome.com

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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:

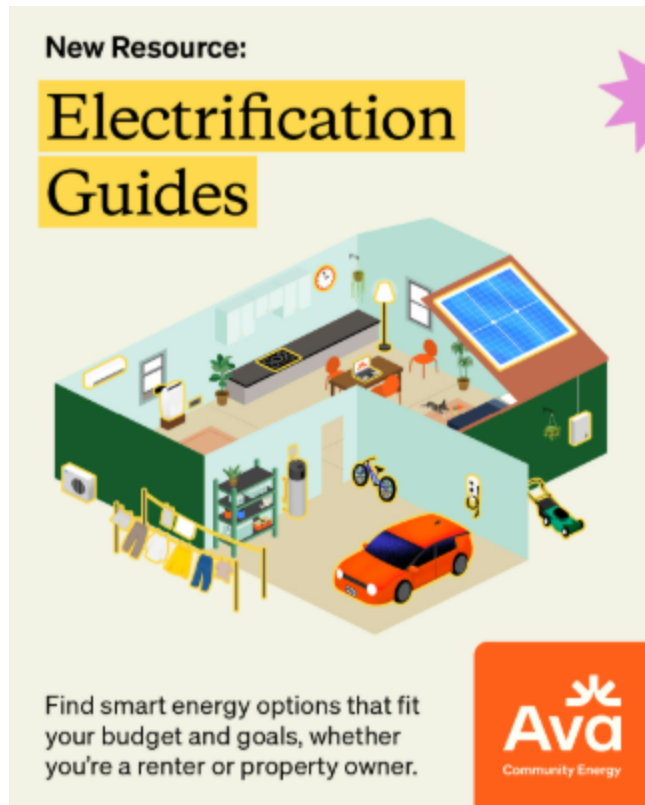
- Induction stove
- Heat pump and Air Conditioning (for both heating and cooling)
- Water heater
- Clothes dryer
- Insulation

- 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

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

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

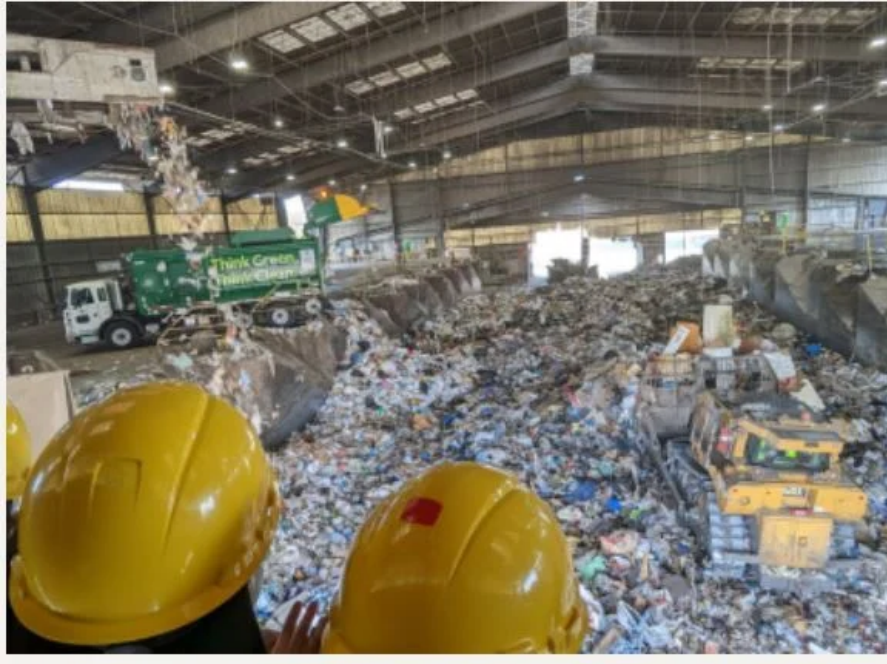
LinkedIn: Join our LinkedIn group for business waste prevention resources, industry updates, and networking.

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

Back-to-School Tips



School Field Trip Program



Exciting news for 4th-grade classrooms! StopWaste's field trip program applications are now open. In the two-year program, students will have the opportunity to visit the StopWaste Education Center to learn about waste management. After their visit, they will apply what they learn and engage in climate action projects at their school. Applications are due by September 15. To learn more, visit: <https://www.stopwaste.org/at-school/transfer-station-field-trips>

📦 **Did you know?** Contaminated recycling—like pizza boxes with grease or plastic bags—can ruin entire batches of recycled material. **Make a difference: check labels and rinse or remove non-recyclables before tossing them in the bin!** #WasteLess #RinseAndRecycle 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?

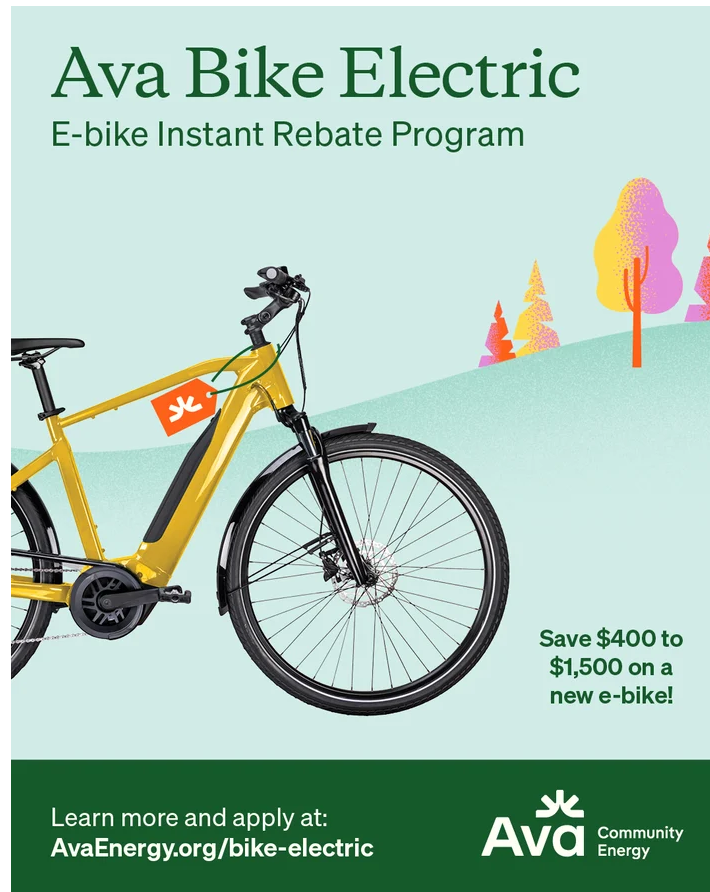
Remember to bring your reusable container when getting your morning coffee out, only take disposable items you will actually use, and make it clear if you plan to dine in, so that your food is served on reusable dishware.

Transportation



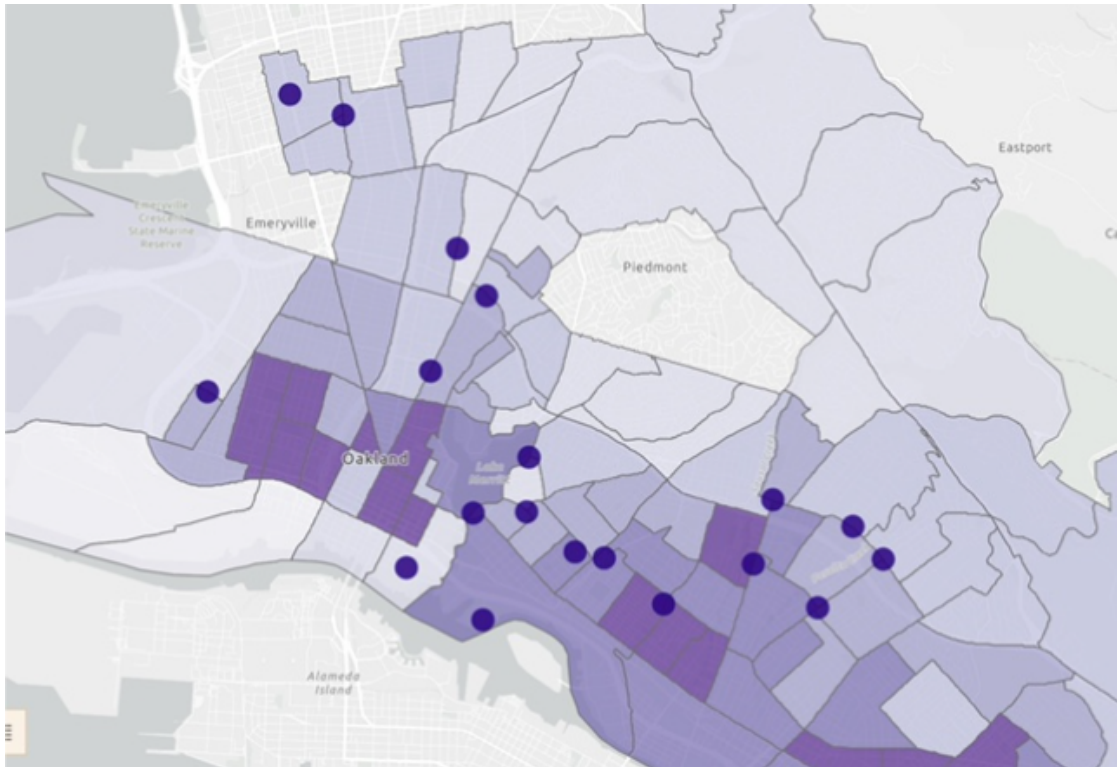
Save money on a new e-bike





We're excited to share an exciting opportunity from [Ava Community Energy](https://AvaCommunityEnergy.org). Through their new **Ava Bike Electric Program**, eligible residents of Alameda and San Joaquin counties can **save \$400 to \$1,500** on a new e-bike. E-bikes offer tremendous benefits for you: reduced car dependency, improved air quality, better health outcomes, and a fun and flexible way to get around. This program helps remove the biggest barrier to e-bike adoption—cost. Rebates range from \$400 to \$1,500 depending on bike type and income qualification. Income-qualified customers enrolled in electricity reduction programs like CARE, FERA, or EAP also receive an additional \$250 rebate for safety equipment. Once you apply and are deemed eligible, you'll be entered into **monthly random drawings** for a chance to receive an instant rebate. Drawing are held every month until September 2026. Head over to AvaEnergy.org/bike-electric to learn more and complete the application!

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.

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

💪 A Big Shoutout to OPW Volunteers ❤️

**OPW Environmental Stewardship
Volunteer Impact Highlights
Fiscal Year 2024-2025**

- **116,046 volunteer hours** have been dedicated to cleaning, greening, and beautifying shared public spaces.
- **2,689 projects** have been led, engaging community members across Oakland.
- **19,240 individual volunteers** have contributed to beautification and environmental stewardship.
- **1,285 *sites** (excluding storm drains) have been adopted for ongoing community care.
- **1,648 *storm drains** have been adopted to help protect local waterways from pollution and debris.

* cumulative

❤️ **Together, our volunteers have transformed public spaces, inspired community pride, and strengthened Oakland's environmental resilience.**

Volunteer Oakland!

Adopt-A-Spot 🌿 Adopt-A-Drain

We provide free tool loans, supplies, and the resources you need to succeed!

How It Works:

1. Choose Your Spot 🏡

Pick a local area that's important to you – whether it's a park, a street, a waterway, or even the storm drain on your street.

2. Commit to Steward Your Spot 🧑

Help with activities like picking up litter, removing graffiti, or caring for plants and green spaces on an ongoing basis—small actions that make a big difference.

3. Make a Visible Impact ✨

Track and share your efforts to celebrate the positive change you're creating.

♥ ARE YOU READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE? ♥

Sign up at:

www.OaklandCA.gov/AdoptASpot

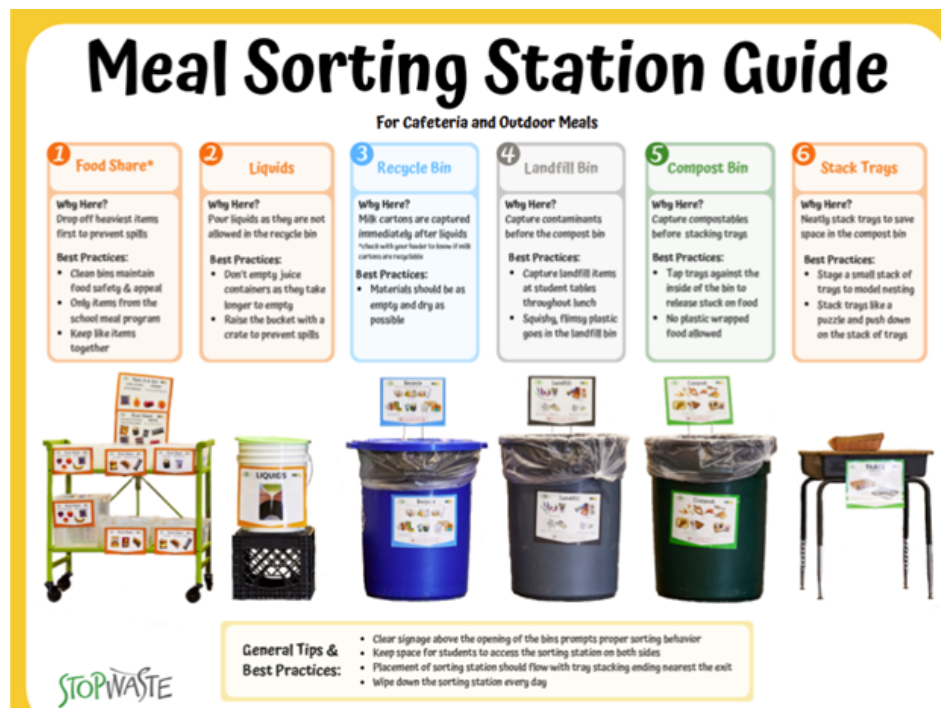
OUSD Waste Prevention Program: Supporting Schools from CDCs to High Schools🌍

Oakland Unified School District (OUSD) Waste Prevention Program aims to support OUSD schools from Child Development Centers (CDC) to High Schools with resources for waste sorting and waste diversion. We want to highlight Arroyo Viejo CDC for their commitment to waste diversion and getting their new 3-stream sorting stations set up in the student meal area. Keep being amazing champions for sustainability at OUSD!

[Learn more about OUSD Waste Prevention](#)

To get involved with waste prevention, request tools and resources, or support sustainability efforts at your OUSD school, contact us here:

[Contact OUSD Sustainability Team](#)



Report and Prevent Local Flooding 💧



**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

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

🌿 **Adopt-A-Spot Webinar: Building Community Through Stewardship**

On August 27, OPW's Environmental Stewardship Team hosted an **Adopt-A-Spot Webinar** in partnership with the [Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation](#) (OPRF). Stewards from across Oakland came together to celebrate their impact, share experiences, and explore new ways to stay connected.

This is just the beginning—OPRF and the City of Oakland are developing more opportunities for training, resources, and networking to support our amazing volunteers.

💡 Stay tuned for future events, and be sure to **subscribe for Environmental Stewardship Program updates** so you don't miss what's next!

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 tasks 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! 🌱🌸

Creek Care

Northeastern Oakland's Sustainability Team will be hosting a Creek Care Day on Saturday, September 27th from 9am-12pm. Creek Care Day is an opportunity for the Oakland community to come together with NU Oakland students to enjoy nature and gain hands-on experience helping to clear and clean trails near Leona creek of plant debris. Interested in participating? Reach out to oaklandsustainability@northeastern.edu!

**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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