



Residential Electric Vehicle (EV) Incentives

For many consumers, the upfront cost of electric vehicles, along with necessary charging equipment, keeps EVs out of reach. Fortunately, there are many incentives available to make going electric more affordable. Below is a list of resources currently available to the public (**last updated 4/9/2025**). There are a multitude of programs and resources out there, so this list is not meant to be definitive. It's just intended to be a useful resource.

Federal Tax Credits Incentive Type: Tax Credit	The federal government offers a tax credit of \$2,500 for purchasing a new EV , with an additional \$417 for every kWh of energy the vehicle's battery has above the 5-kWh minimum. The credit is capped at \$7,500 , applicable at the point of sale. A tax credit is also available for pre-owned EV's , equal to 30% of the sale price, capped at \$4,000 . Vehicles purchased from a dealer for \$25,000 or less are eligible for this credit. Visit irs.gov for more information on these available tax credits.
PG&E Pre-Owned EV Rebate Incentive Type: Rebate	PG&E is providing two rebates for pre-owned EV's . The rebates include a \$1,000 standard option and a \$4,000 income qualified option. These PG&E rebates are available to RCEA customers. To learn more please visit pge.com .
Driving Clean Assistance Program (DCAP) Incentive Type: Rebate/Loan/Charging Subsidy/Grant	<p>An expansion of the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Clean Cars 4 All program (CC4A). The program offers a variety of incentives including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Up to \$14,000 incentive for EV purchasing and charging an EV.• Up to \$7,500 alternative mobility grant<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ For public transit/to purchase an alternative form of transportation such as an E-Bike• Up to \$8,500 incentive package for charging and purchasing a zero-emission motorcycle (ZEM) <p>Eligibility and awards are based on your income status and whether you plan to scrap a vehicle before getting the incentive. All applicants awarded vehicle or ZEM incentives have access to low interest-rate loans capped at 8% APR. For more information, visit drivingcleanca.org.</p>
HOV Lane Access Incentive Type: Vehicle Bypass/Subsidy	Low-emission vehicle owners are eligible for a limited number of "Clean Air Vehicle" stickers which grant access to High Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) lanes and provide discounts for tolls in High Occupancy Toll (HOT) lanes. Only specific vehicles qualify . Visit DMV.ca.gov for more details.



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Electricity Rates (RCEA)

Incentive Type: Residential Electricity Rates for EV Owners

When it's finally time to plug in, EV owners can often take advantage of lower rates for electricity, helping them to save on their monthly electricity bills. For RCEA customers, cheaper nighttime vehicle charging is available through the special **EV-A** and **EV2-A (CARE)** rates. Compare different rate plans at [redwoodenergy.org](https://www.redwoodenergy.org). To determine exact potential cost savings and to change your rate, you will need to **contact PG&E** directly.

DISCLAIMER: RCEA does not recommend any one electric vehicle; rather our goal is to see adoption increase across the board. The availability of the above incentives is subject to change, along with the value of each incentive. We suggest checking with each organization to confirm whether their incentive applies to you and the vehicle you are considering. RCEA can make no assurances about customer eligibility or program availability. Please note that many, but not all these incentives, are stackable. **DATE OF PUBLICATION:** 4/9/2025