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# A SANTA BARBARA CLEAN ENERGY CELEBRATES MILESTONE WITH ELECTRIC VEHICLE REBATE PROGRAM

Santa Barbara Clean Energy (SBCE) is excited to announce a significant milestone in its commitment to promoting sustainable transportation. The SBCE Electric Vehicle (EV) Rebate Program has successfully issued 100 rebates to customers in our community. This achievement underscores our dedication to fostering a cleaner, greener Santa Barbara by encouraging the adoption of electric vehicles.

Program Success: The response to the rebate program has been overwhelming, with 100 residents already benefiting from financial incentives to switch to EVs. This not only supports individual customers in their transition to environmentally friendly transportation, but also contributes to reducing the City's overall carbon footprint.



SBCE Celebrates 10 rebates issued to our customers!

#### Why Choose Electric?

- Environmental Impact: EVs produce zero tailpipe emissions, significantly reducing air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Cost Savings: Lower fuel and maintenance costs make EVs a smart financial choice in the long run.
- Driving Experience: Enjoy the quiet, smooth ride and quick acceleration that electric vehicles offer.

Apply for Your Rebate Today: If you're a SBCE customer considering the purchase of an electric vehicle or if you've recently bought one, now is the time to take advantage of this fantastic rebate opportunity. Visit SBCleanEnergy.com to apply and secure your rebate before the program funds are exhausted. Remember, this rebate won't last forever, so act quickly to benefit from the savings.

Join the Movement: Congratulations to our customers who have already made the switch to electric vehicles, and thank you for choosing electric! Your commitment helps pave the way for a more sustainable future in Santa Barbara. By choosing an electric vehicle, you're not just investing in a car; you're investing in a healthier planet for generations to come.

For more information on the rebate program and to apply, visit **SBCEnergy.com**. Let's continue to drive towards a cleaner, greener future together!

## LEARN ABOUT YOUR WATER QUALITY



Read our latest water quality report.

City laboratory staff conduct more than 45,000 water quality tests each year to ensure safe drinking water for our community. As in past years, the City outperformed every state and federal public health standard for water quality. Read the Annual Water Quality Report to learn where your water comes from, the importance of water infrastructure, drinking water treatment regulations, and water quality testing online at *SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterQuality*.

## DISCOVER THE CITY'S EVENTS CALENDAR!

Explore the exciting opportunities to get involved with your community. Our City government events calendar is your go-to source for community events, important public meetings and holiday schedules. Stay connected by visiting SantaBarbaraCA.gov/Events today!

#### **SPRUCE UP YOUR SPRINKLERS**

With the hotter months approaching, you may be turning your irrigation system on after the wet spring we experienced. While doing so, it is important to inspect the valves, sprinkler heads, water lines, and to properly schedule your timer. Following these simple steps now will go a long way towards saving you water and money.



Prepare your irrigation system for summer and catch hidden leaks!

- **Ease into Water Flow:** When restoring water to your system, be sure to do so slowly. Opening the main water valve quickly can cause a high-pressure surge that could result in damaged valves and burst fittings. Instead, open the main water valve to the irrigation in a slow and controlled fashion to gradually ease water flow and prevent a costly repair.
- Inspect Above-Ground Components: It is important to conduct a visual inspection of the entire ground-level portion of your system to ensure sprinkler heads and drip emitters are not obstructed in any way. Spray heads that are damaged, buried, and blocked with plants, dirt, or rocks could result in an uneven flow of water. Also, be sure to check that valves are not leaking and are turned off completely. After a long period of disuse, internal valve seals may dry out and may not seal or shut off completely.
- Review and Schedule Your Irrigation Timer: Use the Landscape Watering Calculator found on our website to create a custom watering schedule for your landscape. Then adjust it to the local weather conditions in one easy step with our Weekly Watering % Adjust value found on our website.
- Replace and Upgrade Old Parts: There may be components of your irrigation system that need replacement or upgrades to increase efficiency. Most commonly, nozzles and sprinkler heads can be retrofitted with newer technology such as rotating nozzles and pressure regulating sprinkler bodies that reduce misting and overspray.

The City has a variety of resources and rebates to assist you at SantaBarbaraCA.gov/WaterWise or by calling (805) 564-5460.

## GARDEN CLASS VIDEOS ON DEMAND



Get your garden growing with our webinars!

Want to learn the ins and outs of sustainable gardening? Check out our informative recorded webinars that range from the basics of maintaining your garden to in-depth irrigation troubleshooting. Recorded webinars include drip irrigation, sprinkler systems, sprinkler timers, graywater systems, native plants, and more! Visit SantaBarbaraCA.gov/GardenClasses.

## AIRPORT SUMMER TRAVEL TIPS

Is your summer travel taking you through Santa Barbara Airport? Remember: arrive early and be prepared! The busy summer months can bring an influx of travelers. Arrive at least

two hours before your

flight, check directly with your airline for latest flight status, and catch a ride with a friend, rideshare, or MTD to be as efficient as possible. Learn more helpful tips at *FlySBA.com/SummerTips*.

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