

# ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES



### PROPOSED ZERO EMISSIONS LANDSCAPE EQUIPMENT REGULATION AND AVAILABLE INCENTIVES

Menlo Park is considering rules for gas powered gardening equipment, such as leaf blowers and weed whackers due to its negative impacts on human health, and noise and air pollution. Operating a gas powered leaf blower for one hour is equal to inhaling 15 hours of emissions from driving. It also contributes to hearing loss.

If approved, use of zero emission (electric or battery powered) gardening equipment would be required for leaf blowers and weed whackers (string trimmers) starting July 2024, and remaining equipment (lawnmowers, chain saws and hedge trimmers) in 2029.



1 hour lawn mower use



driving 300 miles from LA to Vegas



1 hour leaf blower use



driving 1100 miles from LA to Denver

We need your help and feedback before the City Council makes a decision on this matter in April/May 2023! Use the below QR code or go to [publicinput.com/zele](https://publicinput.com/zele) to fill out a survey.

Do you currently use professional landscaping and gardening services? Please encourage them to fill out the survey!

For more information on incentives for gardeners and proposed regulations, go to [menlopark.gov/zele](https://menlopark.gov/zele).

Questions? Email Sustainability Manager Rebecca Lucky at [rlucky@menlopark.gov](mailto:rlucky@menlopark.gov) or Call 650-330-6765 .



Survey in English  
[publicinput.com/zele](https://publicinput.com/zele)



Encuesta en español  
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## Creating an **environmentally sound** community

### ORDER FREE KITCHEN PAILS FOR TENANTS TO COLLECT COMPOST

If your multifamily complex subscribes to the composting program, Recology provides each tenant with a 2-gallon kitchen pail for in-home use. Kitchen pails are a handy and convenient way to keep the kitchen neat and clean while collecting food scraps and other compostable. When the pail is filled, you simply toss it into the green compost cart or bin on the property.

Contact 650-595-3900 or visit [recology.com](https://recology.com) to order the kitchen pails. Visit [rethinkcompost.org](https://rethinkcompost.org) for helpful composting tips and information.



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### REBATE FUNDS TO INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

Did you know on-site electric vehicle charging at multiunit properties allows residents to charge overnight, a key factor in making the switch from a fossil fuel car to electric. Increased access to overnight charging is not only good for our community, it can also attract and retain tenants.

Peninsula Clean Energy has launched a \$28 million program to support the installation of EV charging at multiunit properties and workplaces. In addition to installation rebates, Peninsula Clean Energy’s EV Ready program also offers free technical assistance and preferred pricing for EV charging stations.

Free technical assistance includes site visit, load analysis, site layout, contractor bids, permit and installation process support, and rebate assistance.

The resulting analysis produces three engineering-based EV charging installation solutions for the site:

- Install the number of charging ports requested by the program applicant
- Economically maximize the total charging ports on-site
- “Future proof” by installing as many charging ports as possible at the site

But isn’t driving an EV just as bad for the environment as fossil fuel cars? Not in Menlo Park.

Peninsula Clean Energy provides Menlo Park customers with 100% greenhouse gas free electricity. Visit [peninsulacleanenergy.com/power-mix](http://peninsulacleanenergy.com/power-mix).

Additional rebates for new construction exceeding local building code requirements are also available. Find out about rebates, technical assistance, qualifications and how to apply, just call 650-449-8561 or visit [peninsulacleanenergy.com/EV-Ready](http://peninsulacleanenergy.com/EV-Ready).



PROPERTY TYPE	CHARGING PORT TYPE	PCE INCENTIVE	APPLICABLE CAP
Existing multiunit dwelling (affordable housing site)	Level 1 (simple 120V household plug)	\$2,000 (\$2,500)	Up to 100% of total project cost, no property maximum
Existing multiunit dwelling	Level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (like charging stations)	\$4,500	Up to 75% of total project cost, \$36,000 per property maximum
Existing multiunit dwelling	Main panel upgrade (increases electrical capacity)	\$4,000	Up to \$4,000
Existing workplace	Level 1 (simple 120V household plug)	\$2,000	Up to 100% of total project cost, no property maximum
Existing workplace	Level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (like charging stations)	\$4,000	Up to \$80,000 per property maximum

### City of Menlo Park

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### GARBAGE/RECYCLING SERVICE QUESTIONS

Recology San Mateo County

- Visit [Recology.com](http://Recology.com)
- Call 650-595-3900