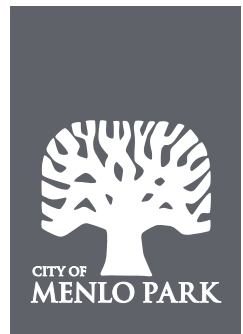


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HELPFUL TIPS FOR TREE MAINTENANCE DURING THE WINTER SEASON

As California enters the rainy and storm season, it is important to conduct regular tree maintenance to reduce the amount of fallen limbs and tree debris. Here are some helpful tips to keep in mind:

- Inspect the crown, trunk and roots of the tree. Look for issues of concern such as broken branches, cracks in the trunk, soil heaving and recently exposed roots, signs of decay and heavy leans.



- Work with an insured, licensed, and International Society of Arboriculture certified tree care company.
- Prune to reduce the weight and extension of branches over structures and other targets. Dead, dying, diseased, and dysfunctional branches should also be removed. Dense tree crowns should be thinned out only enough to allow wind pass through, but not overly-thinned as this weakens the tree and leaves it more prone to storm damage.
- Avoid lions-tailing, which results in heavy foliage growth at the end of long branches. These branches are more prone to breakage during windy weather.
- Avoid topping trees. New growth following topping is poorly attached and susceptible to breakage.
- Do not remove more than 25% of the tree canopy when pruning.
- If it is determined that tree removal is necessary, then a heritage tree removal permit application may be required. Visit menlopark.gov/trees for more information.

To report fallen tree limbs, residents may use the ACT Menlo Park to report and track service requests, such as fallen tree limbs either through the mobile app or the City website at menlopark.gov/actmenlopark. If the city tree failure occurs outside of normal work hours and needs immediate attention, residents may call Police dispatch at 650-330-6300.

GET READY! STARTING JULY 2024 GAS IS OUT AND ELECTRIC IS IN FOR LEAF BLOWERS AND WEED WHACKERS

On July 11, the City Council adopted a zero-emission landscape equipment (ZELE) requirement that prohibits using gas powered landscaping equipment due to its negative impacts on health, and noise and air pollution, starting with gas powered leaf blowers and weed whackers (string trimmers) July 1, 2024. Electric alternatives are available to help you or your professional landscaper begin phasing out gas-powered equipment now.

For more information about these new rules, please visit the City's webpage at menlopark.gov/zele.



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REBATE FUNDS TO INSTALL ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING STATIONS

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

Right now, there is limited time funding available! Peninsula Clean Energy (PCE) has launched a \$28 million program to support the installation of EV charging at multi-unit properties and workplaces. In addition to rebates, which can reduce the cost of installation, PCE'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: one to install the number of charging ports requested by the program applicant, one to economically maximize the total charging ports at the site, and one to "future proof" by



installing as many charging ports as possible at the site.

Isn't driving an EV just as bad for the environment as fossil fuel cars? Not in Menlo Park. The city's primary electric energy provider, PCE, provides 100% greenhouse gas free electricity. To learn more visit peninsulacleanenergy.com/power-mix.

The following rebates are available for qualified sites:

PROPERTY TYPE	CHARGING PORT TYPE	PCE INCENTIVE	APPLICABLE CAP
Existing multi-unit 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 multi-unit 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 multi-unit 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

Additional rebates for new construction exceeding local building code requirements are also available. To learn more about rebates and technical assistance, qualifications and how to apply, please visit PenCleanEnergy.com/EV-Ready, call 650-449-8561 or email PCE-EVReady@CLEAResult.com.

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