

## Investigate Rebates & Tax Credits

- Federal Tax Credit**  
Determine eligibility of your PEV, and your credit amount (up to \$7,500). If you lease, this credit will be rolled into your lease price. If you purchase, apply for the credit at tax time.  
[www.FuelEconomy.gov/feg/taxevb.shtml](http://www.FuelEconomy.gov/feg/taxevb.shtml)

- CA Clean Vehicle Rebate Project**  
Check funding availability, eligibility of your PEV and review the applicant requirements. New BEVs can receive up to \$2,500, and new PHEVs up to \$1,500.  
[www.EnergyCenter.org/cvrp](http://www.EnergyCenter.org/cvrp)

**TIP** At the time of purchase, use the dealer's computer or your cell phone to complete the CVRP application and get in the queue as soon as possible.

- Local Incentives**  
Search PEV incentives by zip code to find out if your area offers additional incentives for clean vehicles.  
[www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Incentives.php](http://www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Incentives.php)

## Look At Your Charging Options

- Home Charging**  
Investigate the best home charging setup for you (level 1 or level 2). If you need level 2, you can buy a charger through your auto dealer or choose from a variety of available makes and models. Work with your electrician for installation, and your utility for the best charging rates.  
[www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Charging.php](http://www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Charging.php)

**TIP** Some rebate programs might be coordinated through your auto dealer, so be sure to ask at the time of purchase.

- Charging Infrastructure Rebates**  
Determine what charging rebate programs are available in your area, if your PEV qualifies, and when you can apply.  
[www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Incentives.php](http://www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Incentives.php)

- Public & Workplace Charging**  
Find out if there is PEV charging at your workplace, and search public charging stations in your area to get a sense for the charging options outside your own home.  
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## Determine Special Decal Eligibility

- Clean Air Vehicle Decal**  
Find out if your car is eligible for single-occupant use of HOV lanes. California law allows for solo driving in carpool lanes for vehicles carrying a Clean Air Vehicle Decal.  
[www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/carpool/carpool.htm](http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/carpool/carpool.htm)

**TIP** Wait until you have your license plate and registration before your decal application is mailed in. Don't go to the field office.

## Understand Discounts & Perks

- Utility Discounts**  
Contact your utility to find out if they have discounted electricity rates or special assistance programs to help PEV owners get set up with home charging.

**TIP** Ask about whole house time-of-use rates without having to install a meter, and work with your utility and electrical contractor during charger installation to ensure your meter is set up in accordance with the rate structure you have selected.

- Insurance Discounts**  
Contact your insurance company to find out if they offer any discounted rates for plug-in vehicles.

- Free or Preferential Parking**  
Find out if your city and those surrounding you have programs that allow free or preferred parking for plug-in vehicles.  
[www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Incentives.php](http://www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Incentives.php)

## What Are Other PEV Drivers Saying

- PEV Blogs & Forums**  
You can learn a lot from other PEV drivers. There are many blogs and discussion forums that share experiences that are helpful for all PEV owners.  
[www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Related\\_Sites.php#blogs](http://www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Related_Sites.php#blogs)