Used EV Rebate Program

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why is LADWP offering a rebate on used electric vehicles (EVs)?
LADWP has been at the forefront of supporting adoption of EVs. With this program, LADWP's goal is to help more of its customers and residents access the benefits of electric transportation. The program also supports the second-hand EV market.

What are the benefits of driving an EV?
EVs come with many benefits. EV adopters may benefit from financial **incentives** to purchase EVs or install charging stations. EVs may also provide significant **fuel savings** compared to conventional vehicles, especially when charged at night or over the weekend with the right rate plan. In general, EVs tend to have **lower operating costs**, especially battery electric vehicles (BEVs) as they do not require oil changes or exhaust system maintenance.

With **reduced emissions** (pollutants and greenhouse gases), EVs help improve the environment. EVs as part of the broader transportation electrification sector are a critical component for the State of California and the City of Los Angeles in addressing climate change and improving air quality.

EVs are **fun** to drive! They are typically packed with technology and can be fueled almost anywhere a power outlet is available.

Do I need to be an LADWP account holder to receive the rebate?
You don't need to be an LADWP account holder to apply for the rebate, but your permanent residence must receive electric service from LADWP. If you live in a multi-family building (such as condominiums or apartments) served by LADWP, you are eligible to apply for the rebate, even if electricity is paid by another party (landlord, homeowner association, building management). Family members, roommates, and sub lessees are also eligible. You must also be the registered owner of the vehicle and your DMV registration must show your permanent residence located in LADWP service territory.

Can I apply for a rebate on behalf of a member of my household, or a tenant, who purchased a used EV?
No, the person who applies for the rebate must be the same person whose name appears on the vehicle registration.

How do I find out if my residence is served by LADWP?
Ask your landlord, homeowner association, or building management if your building is served by LADWP for power. You can also call 1-800-DIAL DWP (1-800-342-5397) to find out.

What if I did not purchase my EV?
You must have purchased a qualifying EV within 12 months of rebate application submittal. A current DMV registration must show you as the owner of the vehicle. Leased, rented, or vehicles received as family transfers, gifts, or prizes do not qualify for a rebate under the program.

Which vehicles are eligible?
You must have purchased a qualifying EV within 12 months of rebate application submittal. Qualifying EVs have a model year at least two years older than the calendar year in which you apply for a rebate, but not older than eight years. For example, if you apply for a rebate in 2022, your vehicle model year must be from 2014 to 2020. It must also be listed on the Approved Vehicle List (https://www.ladwp.com/cs/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=OPLADWPCCB649407&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased). Please note that non plug-in hybrid electric vehicles (HEVs) and other types (such as golf carts or motorcycles) are not eligible for the program.

LADWP will only issue up to two Used EV Rebates for the same EV. Please obtain the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) of the vehicle you are considering and check if it's on the Rebate Issued List (https://www.ladwp.com/cs/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=OPLADWPCCB689496&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased). If a rebate was issued to a previous owner for the EV you are considering, you may only apply for a rebate after twenty-four (24) months following the issue date of the first rebate by LADWP. Members of the same household as the applicant who received the first rebate are not eligible to receive a second rebate for the same EV.

What is the Approved Vehicle List?
The Approved Vehicle List (https://www.ladwp.com/cs/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=OPLADWPCCB649407&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased) (AVL) is prepared by LADWP and includes all EVs eligible for a rebate under the program. All vehicles included in the AVL are approved by the California Air Resources Board for single occupancy in high-occupancy vehicle lanes.

I already own a used EV. Can I apply for the rebate?
If you purchased a qualifying EV within the last 12 months, you are eligible to apply for the rebate (subject to all other terms and conditions of the program). (NOTE: An application will be considered ineligible if the application is submitted more than 12 months after the purchase date of your used EV).

How much is the rebate?
The rebate is up to $1,500. An additional $1,000 can be awarded for applicants participating in the Lifeline or EZ-SAVE Low Income Customer Assistance programs. LADWP will apply all eligible rebates at the time of application review. The amount of the rebate you may receive from LADWP cannot exceed the net cost of the vehicle (i.e., the purchase price of the vehicle minus any financial incentives you receive from third parties).

When do I need to participate in EZ-SAVE or Lifeline programs in order to qualify for the additional $1,000 rebate?
The service address (where the vehicle is registered) must have active participation in an eligible program from the date of EV purchase until the issuance of the rebate check.

What is required for verification of Lifeline or EZ-SAVE Low Income Customer Assistance programs?
LADWP attempt will verify your eligibility without any additional documents, however you may be required to demonstrate one of the following in order to be eligible for the rebate adder:
• Provide a copy of the utility bill indicating that the applicant is the electric service account holder that is enrolled in LADWP's Lifeline Program or EZ-SAVE Low Income Customer Assistance Program; or
• Provide proof of residence in an address where the account holder is enrolled in LADWP's Lifeline Program or EZ-SAVE Low Income Customer Assistance Program.

How many rebates are available per vehicle?
LADWP will issue a maximum of two rebates per vehicle. Be sure to obtain the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) and review the Rebate Issued List (https://www.ladwp.com/cs/idcplg?IdcService=GET_FILE&dDocName=OPLADWPCCB689496&RevisionSelectionMethod=LatestReleased).

If a rebate was issued to a previous owner for the EV you are considering, you may only apply for a rebate after 24 months following the issue date of the first rebate by LADWP. Members of the same household as the applicant who received the first rebate are not eligible to receive a second rebate for the same EV.

Can I apply for more than one rebate?
LADWP will only issue one rebate per applicant, regardless of the number of used EVs you purchase.

Will the program expire?
No. The program is not set to expire, but may be modified or terminated without prior notice.

When can I apply?
You can apply within 12 months of purchasing a qualified used EV.

How can I apply for a Used EV Rebate?
You can apply online at http://www.ladwp.com/ladwp/faces/UsedEVRebate if you are an LADWP account holder. LADWP customers will need to register first with LADWP's My Account if they haven't already. If you are not an LADWP account holder or do not wish to register with LADWP's My Account, you can apply by US mail using the Terms and Conditions of the Used EV Rebate Program and application http://www.ladwp.com/docs/OPLADWPCCB649013).

What documents do I need to submit when applying by US mail?

1. Complete rebate application: Be sure to complete every section of the application and send us the original, signed, and dated application at the address shown below:
   LADWP Used EV Rebate Program
   P.O. Box 51111, Room 1019 Los
   Angeles, CA 90051-0100

2. Copy of the vehicle's current DMV registration: The name and address of the applicant must be exactly the same on the DMV registration and the rebate application.

3. Copy of the bill of sale (as filed with the DMV): It must show the amount paid for the vehicle. The name and address of the applicant must be exactly the same on the bill of sale and on the rebate application.

4. Proof of residence (if applicant is not the LADWP account holder): To verify proof of residence in LADWP territory you must submit either a signed rental or lease agreement or a utility bill (telephone, cable or satellite television not older than three months from the date of the application submittal) showing the same address as on the rebate application. If the applicant is not listed on the proof of residence (rental or lease agreement, utility bill), the person identified in the proof of residence must complete and sign Section 6 - Affidavit of the application.

What documents do I need to upload when applying online?
Please have the following required documents ready to upload when starting the online application:

1. Copy of the vehicle's current DMV registration: The name and address of the applicant must be exactly the same on the DMV registration and the rebate application.
2. Copy of the bill of sale (as filed with the DMV): It must show the amount paid for the vehicle. The name and address of the applicant must be exactly the same on the bill of sale and on the rebate application.

Why does LADWP need my email address?
We use your email address to communicate status updates about your application. If we do not have your email address, we will only contact you by mail if your application is incomplete or rejected, or if approved, to send your rebate check.

My used EV's registration shows two owners. Who should apply?
Any of the two owners shown on the DMV registration may apply for the rebate, but not both.

How do I get a bill of sale?
Bill of sale forms are available from the DMV (www.dmv.ca.gov/portal/dmv/detail/forms/reg/reg135). As part of the required documentation to apply for the rebate, you must submit a completely filled out copy of the bill of sale for the qualifying EV and it must be signed by the seller.

What happens after I submit my application?
LADWP will notify you when we've received your application. Funds are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

What are the terms and conditions?
Please review the Terms and Conditions of the Used EV Rebate Program and application http://www.ladwp.com/docs/OPLADWPCCB649013).

What if I have more questions?
Please contact a program specialist at (866) 484-0433 or email us at pluginla@ladwp.com.

Disclaimer: The information provided in this FAQ is a summary of the terms and conditions of the Used EV Rebate Program. In case of any discrepancy between this fact sheet and the terms and conditions of the Used EV Rebate Program, the terms and conditions will prevail.