



TOWN OF WELLESLEY MASSACHUSETTS

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Register Now for Two Electric Vehicle (EV) Test Drives Learn from EV and Hybrid Owners on Thursday, May 9th, 4 - 7 p.m.

Make Your Next Car an EV to Take Advantage of Federal Tax Credits and State Rebates

April 18, 2024 (Wellesley, MA) – Are you thinking about buying an electric vehicle (EV)? [Register now](#) for a free event where you can test drive up to two dealer EVs and chat with Wellesley residents who already own EVs and hybrids. Now is an ideal time to buy an EV, because federal tax credits, state rebates, and a Wellesley off-peak charging electric bill credit are available.

The Wellesley EV Test Drive and Showcase takes place Thursday, May 9th, from 4 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot across from MassBay Community College at 50 Oakland Street in Wellesley. The rain date is Thursday May 16 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

People who live, work, or attend school in Wellesley are invited, and test drives are available based on order of [registration](#). A valid driver's license is required. As of April 17, the following makes and models are expected to be available for test drive:

- Audi Q4 or Q 8 SUV
- BMW i4 sedan
- BMW iX SUV
- Chevrolet Blazer SUV
- Chrysler Pacifica hybrid minivan (seats 7)
- Ford Mustang Mach-E sedan
- Ford F-150 Lightning pick-up

- Kia EV9 SUV (seats 7)
- Toyota bZ4X SUV
- Toyota RAV4 Prime hybrid SUV
- Toyota Prius Prime sedan
- VW ID.4. SUV

There are plenty of great reasons to buy an EV beyond the discounted price as a result of federal and state incentives. EV owners save \$500 a year to ‘fill it up’ at home because electricity is less costly than gasoline as a fuel source. Second, oil changes are eliminated and EVs require less frequent servicing, so EVs cost on average \$8,000 less than a gasoline-powered car in maintenance costs over the life of a car.

The initial purchase cost for eligible EVs vehicles can be offset by a [federal tax credit](#) of up to \$7,500 at the time of purchase. In addition, the state of Massachusetts offers up to a [\\$3,500 rebate](#) (and an additional \$1,500 for income-qualified applicants.) Massachusetts EV buyers who trade-in an eligible internal combustion engine, or gas-powered, vehicle qualify for an [additional \\$1,000 rebate](#). The Wellesley Municipal Light Plant also offers a [\\$96 annual electric bill credit](#) for EV owners who charge their vehicles during off-peak hours. To learn more about sustainable mobility, including EVs, visit [Get Around Sustainably](#).

Vehicle exhaust accounts for nearly 40% of Wellesley’s greenhouse gas emissions (GHG). Driving an EV is one way you can take personal action to reduce the emissions that lead to climate change as EVs do not produce tailpipe emissions. This event is hosted by the Town of Wellesley’s Municipal Light Plant, Climate Action Committee, and Sustainable Wellesley.

About Climate Action in Wellesley

The [Climate Action Committee](#) fosters awareness and mobilizes the collective action of residents, businesses, educational institutions, and town employees in Wellesley to combat the existential crisis of climate change. Through education and advocacy, we strive to reduce carbon emissions, promote renewable energy, and cultivate a resilient environment for present and future generations.

The Town’s [Climate Action](#) and Sustainable Mobility Plans provide roadmaps for reaching the Town of Wellesley’s [goal](#) to reduce the town’s greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions to net-zero by 2050, in concert with the state of Massachusetts and the nation’s carbon neutrality goals.

[Wellesley Drives Electric](#), offered by the [Municipal Light Plant](#), offers information about the savings and benefits of driving an electric car and one-on-one EV advice to residents.

[Sustainable Wellesley](#) is a nonprofit organization that engages Wellesley residents, businesses, and the Town of Wellesley to take sustainable actions to protect our climate; reduce pollution of air, land and water; preserve biodiversity; minimize waste; and ensure environmental justice.

About MassBay Community College

MassBay Community College is the most affordable higher education option in MetroWest Boston, offering a robust portfolio of courses and more than 70 associate degree and certificate

programs with flexible day, evening, and weekend classes in Ashland, Framingham, Wellesley Hills, and online. To learn more about MassBay, visit www.massbay.edu.

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