



Shopping for a New Car? Buy an EV, as Federal EV Incentives May Not be Around for Long

Incentives, low maintenance, and sustainability make electric vehicles (EVs) a great choice!

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](#).

Incentives are just one of many great reasons to buy an EV. 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.

Vehicle exhaust accounts for approximately 32% 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.

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.