



City of Cotati Climate and Sustainability Newsletter

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Clean Cars for All

Income-eligible Bay Area residents can receive up to \$12,000 to trade in their old vehicle and purchase or lease an electric vehicle or get a prepaid card for public transit or an e-bike! Follow the four easy steps below to make the switch:

1. Complete an application to verify your eligibility
2. Bring your vehicle to an authorized dismantler to verify vehicle
3. Signs Terms & Conditions and Receive an Award Letter
4. Buy or Lease a Replacement Vehicle or Collect a Pre-Paid card.

Learn more at <https://www.baaqmd.gov/funding-and-incentives/residents/clean-cars-for-all>

Act Now to Save \$\$\$ — Federal Clean Energy Tax Credits Are Ending

If you've been thinking about going solar, buying an electric vehicle, or upgrading your home with cleaner, more affordable energy — now is the time to act.

With clean energy tax credits, choosing rooftop solar, heat pumps, or electric vehicles can save you thousands of dollars up front while helping lower your monthly energy bills for years to come.

But many of these federal incentives have new deadlines and are set to expire soon:

- EV Credits: Find out which new and used EVs still qualify for federal tax credits of up to \$7,500 until September 30, 2025.
- Residential Clean Energy Credits: Claim 30% of the total cost of solar panels, battery storage, and geothermal systems if you buy by December 31, 2025.
- Energy Efficient Home Upgrade Credits: Make home energy upgrades, like insulation, windows, or efficient electric appliances, by December 31, 2025, to claim the credit.

Visit <https://homes.rewiringamerica.org/save> for the full credit timeline.

Repair Fair Coming Up on October 18

Do you have a lamp, small appliance, textile, or bike in need of repair? Would you like to learn how to fix your broken items and give them a new lease on life? Come to the Repair Fair at the Rohnert Park-Cotati Library on October 18, 1:00-4:00 PM, and join the movement to reduce landfill and save money by reusing. For more information and to sign up for a repair timeslot, visit <https://www.reusealliance.org/events/rohnert-park-repair-fair>.

Creek Week: Attention Russian River Watershed Stewards!

Throughout the United States, the third Monday of September is recognized as National Pollution Prevention Week. In California, including the Russian River watershed, cities, counties and other stewardship organizations are recognizing the fourth week of September as Creek Week.

During Creek Week, clean-up campaigns will take place throughout Sonoma and Mendocino Counties. This is a wonderful opportunity to take part in activities that connect you with your community and environmental practices that help protect our creeks! Learn more at <https://rrwatershed.org/project/creek-week/>

Veronda-Falletti Ranch—Fun for all ages!

Veronda-Falletti Ranch continues to serve and involve the community all year long through its variety of programs. Cotati is partnered with Sandy Loam to provide youth-enrichment programs as well as sustainability-focused workshops to help those of all ages connect with nature and learn the aspects of a sustainable lifestyle. More recently, the City has also teamed up with Agri-CULTURE to care for the ranch's livestock and offer additional workshops, volunteer opportunities, and free compost on a monthly basis. To view the Ranch's scheduled events, go to the [Recreation Department's Calendar](#) and select "Veronda-Falletti Ranch" under Location Filter.