DRIVE CLEAN REBATE FOR ELECTRIC CARS

Not only are electric cars cleaner, but they are fun to drive, save money on fuel, and need less maintenance than gas or diesel cars. That’s why Governor Andrew M. Cuomo’s Charge NY initiative is offering electric car buyers the Drive Clean Rebate of up to $2,000 for new purchases. If you are a New York State resident looking for a new car, it’s a great time to buy or lease an electric car that qualifies for the rebate.

HOW THE REBATE WORKS

Taking advantage of the rebate is easy: simply purchase or lease a qualifying electric car from a participating dealer and the rebate will be applied directly to reduce the price of the car.

With more than 40 electric car models to choose from, and an ever-expanding fueling network of thousands of charging stations across New York State, there’s no better time than now to go electric.

WHY BUY ELECTRIC?

The technology-rich experience that an electric car presents is hard to beat. Electric cars deliver fast and smooth acceleration, they are quiet, and they offer an unmatched level of responsiveness.

Electric cars also save time and money. Electric motors don’t need oil changes, so they require less maintenance than conventional gas cars. Electric car owners make fewer or no trips to the gas station.
DRIVE CLEAN REBATE ELIGIBLE CARS

Cars can be powered in several different ways, from gasoline to electric batteries and a spectrum of choices in between. Both types of the plug-in electric cars, which consist of the plug-in hybrid and the battery-powered car, are eligible for the Drive Clean Rebate. In general, plug-in cars have a much longer battery-only range when compared to a conventional hybrid car.

HOW ARE ELECTRIC CARS FUELED?

Electric car drivers have various options available to plug in and charge the car’s battery. For the majority of users, all charging needs can be fulfilled at home. If you have a battery-powered car, that means no more trips to the gas station.

The most basic charger is a standard home outlet. Simply plug in the electric car adapter provided by the manufacturer, and your car will charge. Faster residential charging station options can be purchased from local retailers and installed by qualified electricians in garages or outdoors.

STANDARD HOME OUTLET

If you drive regularly each day, you can plug your car in overnight and it will be ready by morning. It takes about 10-20 hours to charge a fully depleted battery, and less to top off.

RAPID HOME CHARGER

If you drive multiple times a day, this type of charger helps ensure that your car is ready for each outing. A full charge takes 3-6 hours, but a 1-2 hour top-off may be all you need.

OUTSIDE CHARGING STATIONS

Why not plan a longer road trip by taking advantage of public chargers, or conveniently top off while you shop or work? Charging apps can help you find convenient locations.

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