

# MiSustainable Holland

## About this series

The MiSustainable Holland column is a collection of community voices sharing updates about local sustainability initiatives.

## This Week's Sustainability Framework Theme:

**Community Knowledge:** The collective knowledge and energy of the community is an incredible resource that must be channeled to where it is needed.

## Electric vehicle choices helped by Holland BPW's new EV Toolkit

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Holland Board of Public Works has launched a new online EV (electric vehicle) Toolkit that is a trustworthy and comprehensive resource for all EV-related topics.

The toolkit is an excellent guide for anyone interested in an EV, providing information on different models, charging options, environmental considerations, and potential costs and savings. Whether you're a seasoned EV enthusiast or a curious newcomer, the toolkit acts as a one-stop shop.

Are you interested in learning about what types of EVs are on the market? Explore detailed information on both all-electric and plug-in hybrid EV models. Filter by manufacturer, year, seats, price point, and range to quickly compare the models that interest you.

Do you wonder about the expenses associated with charging an EV and the potential savings in fuel costs? The EV Toolkit calculates monthly fuel cost differences between gas and electric vehicles. It even estimates how long it will take to charge your EV if you are using a Level 1, 2, or a DC Fast Charger!

Are you concerned about finding a place to charge while on the road? Find public charging stations with a convenient searchable map and keep your journey charged up and stress free.

Cost savings can go beyond just what you spend on fuel. A \$325 rebate for an ENERGY STAR® Level 2 charger and a \$300 rebate for a Level 2 charger without ENERGY STAR certification are available. You can explore all brands of Level 2 chargers with the toolkit and filter them by their ENERGY STAR certification.

You can also determine if you can save even more with Holland BPW's EV Time-of-Use (TOU) rate. The toolkit contains a rate comparison calculator to assess EV charging costs under the EV TOU rate against the standard residential rate to help you decide if switching your home to EV TOU rate is right for you.

Are you interested in reducing your carbon footprint? The toolkit features a calculator that allows you to compare carbon dioxide emissions between gas and electric vehicles. It provides an overall estimate of how many pounds of carbon dioxide you could reduce your carbon footprint by if you switched to an electric vehicle.

Are you ready to start your electric journey? Visit Holland BPW's EV Toolkit on our website at <https://hollandbpw.com/en/ev-toolkit> and take advantage of the wealth of information.

Whether you are a prospective buyer, a proud EV owner, or EV-curious, this toolkit equips you to navigate the world of EVs. Charge up, save big, and drive with confidence on the road to a cleaner, greener commute.

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