



SUSTAINABILITY
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Quarterly Newsletter



COUNTY of VENTURA

A WHOLE new year

2023

It's here! Not exactly sure how it arrived so quickly and so abruptly but it's 2023. With a New Year comes New Year's Resolutions for many. Below are a few of the most popular resolutions for 2023*.

1. Exercise more- 52% of participants said they wanted to hit the gym more this year.
2. Eat healthier- 50% said they are hoping to eat more home cooked meals.
3. Lose weight- 40% want to shed some pounds.
4. Save more money- 39% are looking to tighten up their wallets in 2023.
5. Spend more time with family/friends- 37% are looking to further their relationships.

These are all good goals, don't get me wrong, but we set the same goals each year. So for 2023, let's shake things up a tad and add a few resolutions of a different variety to our list.

Perhaps another resolution to consider for 2023 is nurturing our planet. Below are a few resolutions to consider when it comes to climate change.

1. Eat less red meat.
2. Reduce plastic consumption as much as possible.
3. Revamping transportation choices.
4. Compost food waste.
5. Support companies that are environmentally responsible.

For more ideas pertaining to helping the planet, click [here](#)

*Statista.com

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NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHECK OUT AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

You have read about our Home Energy Saving ToolKits and Induction Cooktop Kits available for check out at your local library but we thought it would be nice to bring them closer to some of you! Both kits are now available for check out at the Sustainability Division office at HOA. Click [here](#) to learn more about these kits.

Please email sustainability@ventura.org to arrange a check out appointment!



THE SUSTAINABILITY DIVISION IN COLLABORATION WITH THE VENTURA COUNTY LIBRARY RECEIVED A NEW SUSTAINABLE LIBRARIES GRANT!

The grant will certify three libraries as Green Businesses, provide monthly bilingual presentations on sustainability-themed topics, and create sustainable toolkits to encourage residents to explore sustainability in their homes, businesses, and/or workplaces. More information to come soon.

View the Sustainability [website](https://sustain.ventura.org) (sustain.ventura.org) to view the latest news on this grant and when presentations will take place.



The Sustainability Division has a quarterly newsletter titled Drive Clean. To receive information about active EV incentives and rebates, EV News, and EV events, please sign up for the newsletter [here](#).

ELECTRICIAN VEHICLE INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING PROGRAM

REGISTER

Thursday
February 9, 2023
1:00-1:45 pm PT



Power Your Future

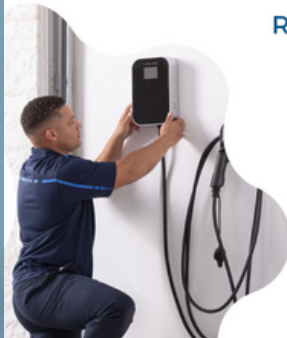
Webinar

The Electrician Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) is an online training program that prepares electricians to work on EVSE (Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment) installation projects. This webinar will offer a peak into the curriculum, as well as how you can take the course for **FREE!**

 Why EVITP?

 Program Eligibility

 Scholarship Opportunity



Register now for this free online event by scanning this QR code:






Questions? Contact nancy.clarin@ventura.org

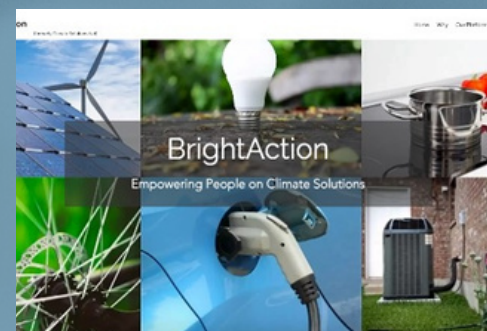
THE RESILIENT CENTRAL COAST CAMPAIGN JUST LAUNCHED



The goal of the Resilient Central Coast Campaign is to achieve measurable progress towards reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from four areas (home energy use, transportation, food choices, and waste).

The Campaign utilizes an online organizing platform called BrightAction to engage micro-community leaders (e.g., neighborhood groups, church groups, Girl Scout troop leaders, civic clubs, university groups, etc.). Joining the Campaign provides such groups bilingual training, marketing materials, and other resources to encourage them to use their social networks to help achieve community building, GHG emissions reductions, and increased resiliency.

THE VENTURA COUNTY PAGE CAN BE FOUND [HERE](#).





ENERGY UPGRADES FOR YOUR HOME NOW MORE AFFORDABLE WITH TAX CREDITS AND INCENTIVES

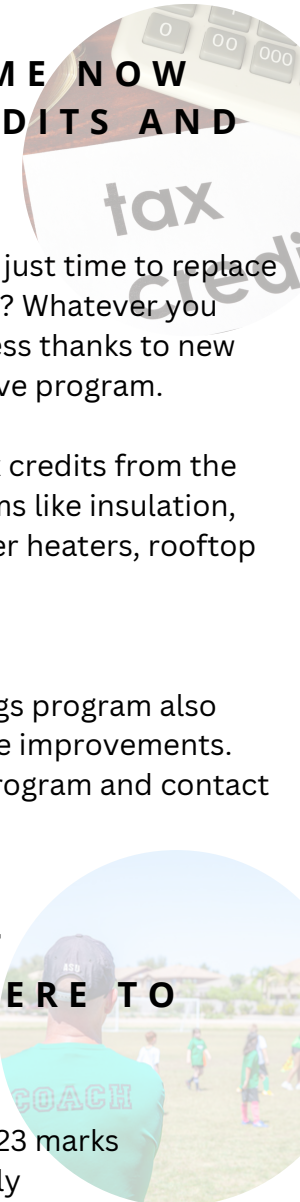
Want to make your home more energy efficient? Or maybe it's just time to replace an old appliance like a water heater, furnace or air conditioner? Whatever your motivation may be, the cost of such upgrades may now cost less thanks to new federal tax credits and 3C-REN's Home Energy Savings incentive program.

Starting January of 2023, residents may be eligible for new tax credits from the Inflation Reduction Act. The 30% tax credit is available for items like insulation, windows, heat pumps for heating and cooling, heat pump water heaters, rooftop solar and more. Find out what you're eligible for by visiting: www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator.

Adding to the tax credit savings, 3C-REN's Home Energy Savings program also offers contractors incentives for the same energy-saving home improvements. Check out the list of eligible contractors participating in the program and contact a few for a quote by visiting: www.3c-ren.org/for-residents.

NEW ENERGY CODE IN EFFECT BUT 3C-REN ENERGY CODE COACH IS HERE TO HELP

The CA Energy Code is updated every 3 years, and January 2023 marks the beginning of a new code cycle. The Energy Code (commonly referred to as Title 24) applies to newly constructed buildings, additions, and alterations. According to the CA Energy Commission, the energy code is "...a vital pillar of California's climate action plan. The 2022 Energy Code will produce benefits to support the state's public health, climate, and clean energy goals." Confused about the new code? 3C-REN's Energy Code Coach is here to help with free assistance. Submit your code questions at: www.3c-ren.org/energy-code-coach.





TEACH STUDENTS ABOUT GREEN BUILDING WITH A 3C-REN GUEST SPEAKER

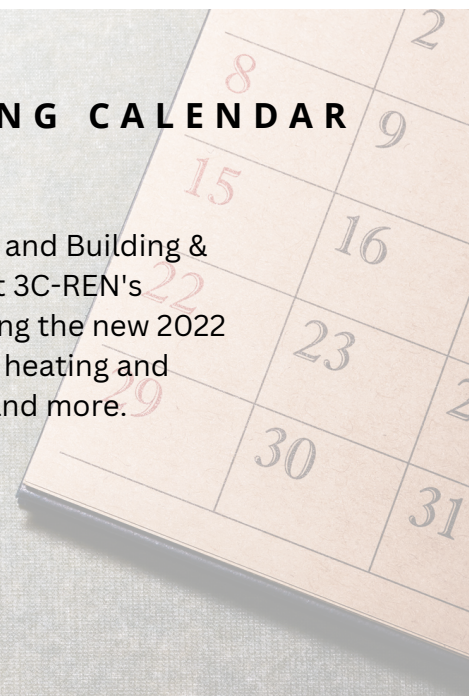


Are your students interested in Engineering, Design, or entering the Trades? 3C-REN now offers students of local schools and vocational programs an opportunity to explore entry level topics and career opportunities in green building. In partnership with In Balance Green Consulting, we're offering 1-hour introductory classes on design, sustainable materials, water & energy efficiency, and heating, cooling, & ventilation. Learn more here, and contact info@3C-REN.org to schedule.



3C-REN JAN-MARCH TRAINING CALENDAR NOW AVAILABLE

Calling all building professionals from contractors and Building & Safety staff to architects and engineers. Check out 3C-REN's events calendar for free trainings on topics covering the new 2022 Energy Code changes, building envelope, efficient heating and cooling systems, zero net carbon building design and more. Register today at: www.3c-ren.org/events.



TO see all 3C-REN
EVENTS and Trainings,
CLICK [Here](#)



CHECK OUT WHO JUST GOT CERTIFIED!



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Looking Back!

National Drive Electric Week

This past September, the Sustainability Division hosted two National Drive Electric Week (NDEW) events.

An Electric Vehicle (EV) Ride and Drive took place at the Ventura County Government Center, where attendees could test drive a variety of vehicles including affordable sedans, SUV's, electric motorbikes, and e-bikes from different vendors. Attendees were able to speak with real EV owners at the static EV showcase, where 12 different models were on display. Regional partners like the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) and Clean Power Alliance (CPA) also supported education and outreach with their own information booths.

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Another EV Showcase occurred at the Thursday Oxnard Plaza Park Farmers' Market. This EV Showcase was a fantastic opportunity to promote EVs, their affordability, and available EV rebates and incentives. Regional partners like the Ventura County APCD, Santa Barbara Community Environmental Council (CEC-SB), and CPA supported bilingual education and outreach.

Clean Air Day

To celebrate Clean Air Day, the Division collaborated with Ventura STEM Network to bring EV-related youth activities to 17 classrooms throughout the County. Teachers could choose to participate in one of two engaging activities: "rEV Your Engines" or "Drive Your Imagination". The "Drive Your Imagination" activity involved a coloring contest based on the Evie McWheelie cartoon character. Students in the STEM program at Camarillo and Fillmore Middle Schools participated in the "rEV Your Engines", in which students built toy remote control electric cars.



Other EV Activities

On October 6th, the Division's EV Coach, Nancy Clarin, participated in a public webinar called Get Charged: Everything You Need to Know to Drive Electric. The webinar provided an overview of EVs, highlighted upcoming EV-related events, and online resources like our Drive Clean Newsletter and [Transportation Electrification webpage](#). The webinar also included an overview of [Access Clean CA](#), a convenient tool that allows individuals to apply to multiple CA rebates on one platform. To receive information about active EV incentives and rebates, EV News, and EV events, please sign up to receive the Drive Clean newsletter [here](#).

what we have been up to



POWER TO THE PANCAKE

On Thursday, October 27th the Sustainability Division hosted a cooking demonstration of the new induction cooktop toolkits to their CEO employees. Attendees got to see the induction cooktops in action, witnessing how fast they can cook pancakes and how easy they are to clean. Sustainability staff was there to answer any questions and demystify the concerns of switching their gas-powered stoves to electric. Interested in renting out an induction cooktop kit? Induction cooktop kits can be found at any County library and the Government Center HOA.



This past October the Sustainability Division planned a series of community events celebrating oak awareness month - OAKtober. The thirteen events brought hundreds of people to learn about native plants, volunteer in restoring natural habitats, and take charge of getting their own tree to plant at home and care for.

