



Opt-in to earn Clean Fuel Standard credits

Focus on: Opportunities for electric utilities to earn revenue

What is the Clean Fuel Standard?

Washington’s Clean Fuel Standard reduces greenhouse gas emissions by incentivizing the use of low-carbon transportation fuels. If you produce, use, or help others use cleaner fuels, you may be eligible to earn revenue through this policy

The Clean Fuel Standard sets an annual “carbon intensity” standard for transportation fuels that declines over time. Each fuel gets a carbon intensity score based on the greenhouse gases emitted during the entire lifecycle of the fuel, from production to use and disposal. Cleaner fuels —those with a carbon intensity below the standard— generate credits, while fuels with a carbon intensity above the standard generate deficits. Each year, those with deficits must purchase credits to offset their deficits.

Opt-in for residential electric vehicle charging

Electric utilities can opt in to the Clean Fuel Standard and earn credits for residential electric vehicle charging in their service area. Those credits can then be sold to deficit holders for revenue.

Here’s how it works:

- Register in the [Washington Fuels Reporting System](#), and pay the [annual participation fee](#).
- Ecology calculates credits and issues them twice per year.
- Utilities don’t need to report kilowatt hours of electric vehicle charging each quarter.
- Once the credits are in your account, you can save them or sell them – credits do not expire.

Deadline to Participate

To claim residential electric vehicle charging credits for the following year, notify Ecology by October 1.

How to Notify Ecology

Email CFS@ecy.wa.gov with a signed letter that:

- Is on official letterhead
- Lists your organization and a contact person
- States your intent to participate in the Clean Fuel Standard
- Identifies whether you’ll generate credits directly or use a third-party aggregator
 - An organization can hire an aggregator to report and sell credits on its behalf

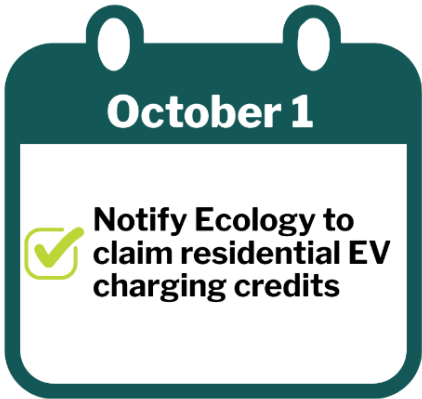


Figure 1: October 1 Reminder: Notify Ecology to claim your residential EV charging credits under Washington’s Clean Fuel Standard.

How Credits Can Be Used

Once credits are in your account, you can decide to save or sell them. Credits do not expire. Revenue from credit sales can support:

- Fleet electrification
- Electric vehicle charging station installation
- Operating and maintenance costs
- Customer fuel discounts
- Expansion of clean fuel infrastructure

Note: [State law requires](#) utilities to spend revenue from Clean Fuel Standard credits on transportation electrification projects that benefit overburdened communities and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

For more info on residential electric vehicle charging credit revenue spending requirements, refer to the [Residential EV Charging Guide](#).

More Ways to Earn Credits

- Fuel Credits: For public, fleet, or workplace electric vehicle chargers or supplying fuels like compressed natural gas to fleet vehicles
- Capacity Credits: For installing DC fast chargers or hydrogen refueling stations
- Advance Credits: For public agencies investing in clean transportation projects
 - Read more in our [Advance Credit Guide](#)

Explore these options on our [Generating credits in the Clean Fuel Standard webpage](#).

Stay Connected

Join our [email list](#) for updates on:

- Program changes
- Reporting deadlines
- New credit-earning opportunities



Figure 2: Charging up for the future, an electric vehicle plugged in and ready to go.



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