

WORKPLACE CHARGING CHECKLIST

CONTACT AN ELECTRICIAN

- Any electrician can install charging stations.
- Clipper Creek has a searchable list of electricians they recommend (not limited to Clipper Creek products).

MAKE SURE PERMITTING IS IN ORDER

- Generally, electric vehicle charging stations only require an electric permit. In some cases, they may also require a building permit, particularly when structures need to be erected as part of the charging station project (i.e. a carport that provides multiple charging stations).
- Work with your contractor to see if your city/county requires anything specific.

FIND IDEAL LOCATION

- The most important factor in reducing installation costs is placing stations as close as possible to the electrical panel from which the stations will be powered.
- Installing stations in a well-lit or visible area can help protect them from vandalism and save money when installing other features.

INSTALL SIGNAGE AND OTHER WAYFINDING

- Signs help EV employees find the station on-site and help advertise the station.
- Painting the parking space a different color or applying a symbol sends a signal to other drivers that these spaces serve a purpose beyond regular parking.

SECURE WARRANTY DOCUMENTATION

- Every major equipment manufacturer includes a warranty with their product
- Be sure to read the fine print of your warranty; this will save you time and money down the road when potential maintenance of the station is required

INSTALL PROPER LIGHTING

- Proper lighting ensures that EV drivers can see the plug and feel safe in the dark while using the station
- Good lighting helps to prevent vandalism

BUILD PROTECTION (BOLLARD/WHEEL STOPS)

 Accidents happen! A small bollard or concrete wheel stop will prevent a small accident from incurring major repair costs to your charging station.

ESTABLISH POLICY FOR USAGE AND MAINTENANCE

- Instead of charging for use, consider requiring employees to purchase a parking permit to use EV spaces. It will save you money on a network subscription and give you more control over the price your employees pay. It can be free if you want!
- Work with the building managers to establish a policy about what to do if a non-EV driver parks in the space (i.e. fine, towing, warning, etc.)
- Have a plan in place for maintaining the stations. A good practice is to include the name and phone number to contact directly on the station so employees know who to call if a station is not working. Additionally, establish a procedure to request repairs for the unit should they need to be made.

POST ON PLUGSHARE.ORG AND THE ALTERNATIVE FUELS DATA CENTER

- Plug Share is a crowd sourced charging station map. Many EV drivers will use it to find your charging station.
- The Alternative Fuels Data Center is maintained by the federal government and will also help users locate your station.

TEST NETWORK AND PAYMENT EQUIPMENT

 If using a networked station, make sure it is gathering data properly and/or requiring payment properly by utilizing the online tools the manufacturer provides. Contact the manufacturer if you experience any difficulties.

The Workplace Charging Checklist was created as part of Cities Charging Ahead!, led by the Great Plains Institute and Clean Energy Resource Teams. Find out more at driveelectricmn.org/communities.