Investigate Rebates & Tax Credits

☐ Federal Tax Credit
Determine eligibility of your PEV, and your credit amount (up to $7,500). If you lease, this credit will be rolled into your lease price. If you purchase, apply for the credit at tax time.
www.FuelEconomy.gov/feg/taxevb.shtml

☐ CA Clean Vehicle Rebate Project
Check funding availability, eligibility of your PEV and review the applicant requirements. New BEVs can receive up to $2,500, and new PHEVs up to $1,500.
www.EnergyCenter.org/cvrp

At the time of purchase, use the dealer’s computer or your cell phone to complete the CVRP application and get in the queue as soon as possible.

☐ Local Incentives
Search PEV incentives by zip code to find out if your area offers additional incentives for clean vehicles.
www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Incentives.php

Look At Your Charging Options

☐ Home Charging
Investigate the best home charging setup for you (level 1 or level 2). If you need level 2, you can buy a charger through your auto dealer or choose from a variety of available makes and models. Work with your electrician for installation, and your utility for the best charging rates.
www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Charging.php

Some rebate programs might be coordinated through your auto dealer, so be sure to ask at the time of purchase.

☐ Charging Infrastructure Rebates
Determine what charging rebate programs are available in your area, if your PEV qualifies, and when you can apply.
www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Incentives.php

☐ Public & Workplace Charging
Find out if there is PEV charging at your workplace, and search public charging stations in your area to get a sense for the charging options outside your own home.
www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Charging.php

Determine Special Decal Eligibility

☐ Clean Air Vehicle Decal
Find out if your car is eligible for single-occupant use of HOV lanes. California law allows for solo driving in carpool lanes for vehicles carrying a Clean Air Vehicle Decal.
www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/carpool/carpool.htm

Wait until you have your license plate and registration before your decal application is mailed in. Don’t go to the field office.

Understand Discounts & Perks

☐ Utility Discounts
Contact your utility to find out if they have discounted electricity rates or special assistance programs to help PEV owners get set up with home charging.

Ask about whole house time-of-use rates without having to install a meter, and work with your utility and electrical contractor during charger installation to ensure your meter is set up in accordance with the rate structure you have selected.

☐ Insurance Discounts
Contact your insurance company to find out if they offer any discounted rates for plug-in vehicles.

☐ Free or Preferential Parking
Find out if your city and those surrounding you have programs that allow free or preferred parking for plug-in vehicles.
www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Incentives.php

What Are Other PEV Drivers Saying

☐ PEV Blogs & Forums
You can learn a lot from other PEV drivers. There are many blogs and discussion forums that share experiences that are helpful for all PEV owners.
www.DriveClean.ca.gov/pev/Related_Sites.php#blogs