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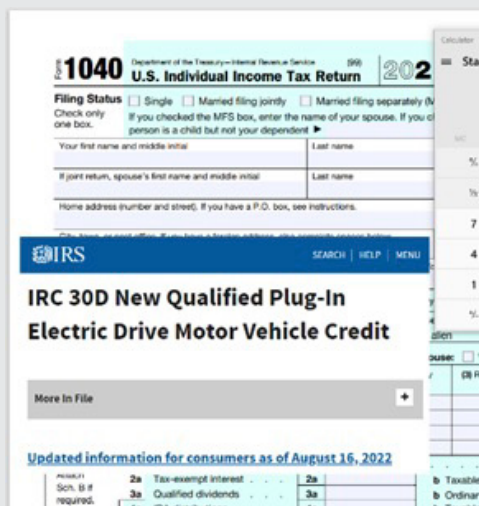
Electric Vehicle e-Newsletter

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EVs: The Power of Change

Welcome to our e-Newsletter, where we keep you updated on all the latest electric vehicle (EV) news, trends and breakthroughs while celebrating you – our EV partners and drivers!

In this issue, we highlight some tips on how to maximize your tax refund if you bought an EV during 2022, help you find overnight accommodations around Michigan with EV charging, meet the driver of a Rivian R1T pickup truck that doubles as a power tailgater during MSU games and provide some guidance on how (and why) to check on your EV's 12V battery.



Claim the EV Tax Credit

Before Aug. 17, 2022, determining tax credit eligibility after purchasing an EV was pretty simple. But with the passing of the Inflation Reduction Act, it's a bit more complicated.

As always, consult with your tax professional before making any decisions or filing, but we put together a breakdown to help steer you in the right direction.

[Does My EV Qualify?](#)

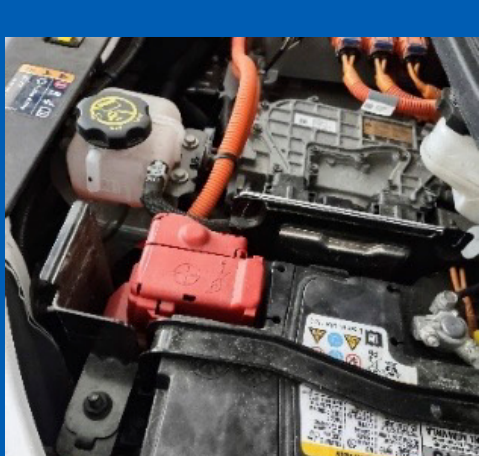
EV Road Trip | Find Overnight Charging

In the last two issues, we took some great road trips around the Mitten. But do you have a planning process for finding overnight EV charging accommodations while you travel? While DC Fast Chargers are great for daily charge stops on the go, overnight Level 2 charging can help you start the day fully charged.



We've rounded up ways to find hotels, B&B's and campgrounds that provide EV charging as one of their amenities.

[How to Find Them](#)



Sidebar: 12V Batteries

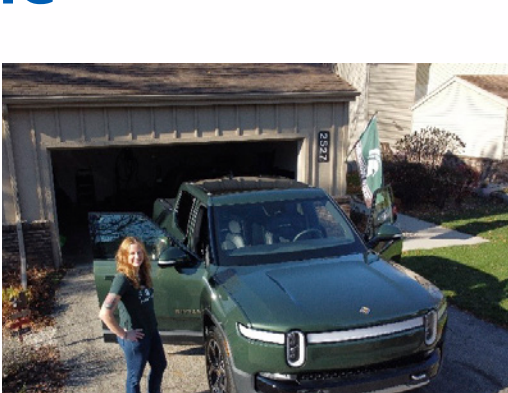
Don't forget your EV still has a regular old 12V "starter" battery.

It serves many important purposes so it's good to understand the basics for keeping it healthy to ensure it remains in good shape.

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EV Driver Profile | Anna Munie

Anna is a pickup truck fan. When her Ford F-150 had earned its keep, she wanted her next vehicle to be electric. Enter EV startup Rivian. She loves her new truck for daily driving, hauling, and of course tailgating at MSU games. The color is even Spartan Green.

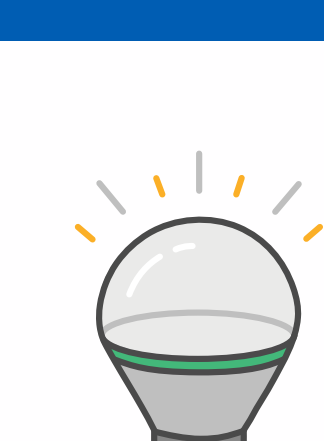


But what made her choose Rivian?

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#ElectrifyYourLawnCare

Michiganders know how to survive a cold winter, but by now the first signs of spring may be emerging – along with the first blades of grass. If you're not looking forward to changing the oil or paying high gas prices for your lawnmower, maybe it's time to consider going electric! Popular Mechanics highlighted these as the [Best Electric Lawn Mowers to Keep Grass in Check](#).



Our clean energy transformation ensures you can take an active role in becoming a force of change for Michigan. Want to do even more?

Consider participating in one of our [Peak Power Savers® programs](#) or visit [MICleanEnergy.com](#) to learn about more ways you can help leave the planet a better place than you found it.

Share the EV Love!

Since most charging takes place at home, the Consumers Energy PowerMIDrive program offers EV drivers [\\$500 in rebates](#) for installing eligible electric vehicle chargers at their home. It also comes with [electric rates](#) that encourage EV drivers to charge their vehicle between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. to get the most savings on their electric bill, maximize the benefits of EV ownership and optimize demand on the energy grid.

Getting more electric vehicles on the road promotes reduced carbon emissions – which we all can feel good about.

Know someone who is interested in EVs?

We're here to help. We have a new and improved website at [ConsumersEnergy.com/ev](#) to help them get started.

Or consider sharing our e-Newsletter with a friend (or two or three).

Have an EV question, story or want to be featured as our next EV driver or station host?

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