

# **Hello & Congratulations on your Plug-In Vehicle, You're being a positive member of society by embracing a green lifestyle. Future generations will thank you!**

*In the past 6 years we have talked to thousands of EV owners who have shared their good & bad experiences and assisted us in creating the following EV Guidelines. Our goal is to set standard procedures when using Charging Stations in Public. The more people who learn these guidelines the better charging in public will become for all.*

*Keep this in your glove box for reference and please share with other EV owners.*

## **Electric Vehicle Public Charging Guidelines Proper EV Etiquette for charging in public.**

(Otherwise known as the EV Guidelines by Sal Cameli)

1. Comply with posted #EVsigns in addition to the following #EVguidelines.
2. Designated charging spots are for charging vehicles only. Do not park in one if not charging.
3. Center your EV in the designated charging spot. Leave room for others to access adjacent chargers.
4. Leave your contact info on your dashboard as a manner of EV Etiquette. You can use a renewable #EVfrisbee for this task: <http://EV-Frisbee.com>
5. Check in on the PlugShare App.
6. If you must unplug another EV make sure it has finished charging. Leave a polite courtesy note.
7. Do not park in DC-Fast charging spots longer than it takes to fill up your EV. DC Fast – otherwise known as Level 3, QuickCharge(QC), DCFC & Rapid – are for a maximum of 30 to 90 minutes of charging. Some stations only charge for 30 minutes, There are newer stations that charge for 45 to 60 minutes because of EVs with larger batteries. The common EV Etiquette courtesy is to return to your vehicle within the first 30 minutes. (Don't plug in and go see a movie or do something that will take more than 30 minutes) You really should return before the first session is set to complete (there may be other EV owners there waiting for you to finish). If you need another session and nobody is waiting, then you can start a second session but you need to stay with your vehicle. You cannot park there all day or for hours. These stations are strictly for Quick Charging. As soon as you are done charging you need to move your vehicle.
8. Your vehicle must not occupy a spot which does not have the correct port to charge it. (Example: If your Vehicle does not have a DC port or a different DC Port than what's available at this current charging station then do not park there.) See #2 above.
9. Be available and ready to move your vehicle once your charge is complete or the charging time that's written on the #EVsign has been exceeded. (Whichever comes first)
10. Leave charging spots in better condition than you found them (Holster the handle, wrap cords, don't litter, clean up trash, etc.)

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11. An EV with an open charge port is the universal signal for "please-plug-me-in when you are done." When you're finished with an adjacent charger, take a moment to provide them this courtesy.

[www.EVguidelines.org](http://www.EVguidelines.org)

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**Panel 1 (Top Left):** Illustration of a person at a charging station. Text: "Designated charging spots are for charging vehicles only. Do not park in one without charging."

**Panel 2 (Top Middle):** Illustration of a person with a clock. Text: "DC Charge: not just 30-90min! Most DC sessions are 30 to 90 minutes. (Don't go see a Movie or do something that will take longer than one session) The common #EVetiquette courtesy is to return to your vehicle before the first DC charging session is to expire. DC Stations are for Charging Only! Do not park for 2 hours or all day, that is not acceptable."

**Panel 3 (Top Right):** Illustration of a car at a charging station. Text: "Center your EV in the designated charging space. Leave room for others to access adjacent chargers."

**Panel 4 (Middle Left):** Illustration of a green plate with text. Text: "Be available and ready to move your vehicle once your charge is complete or the Charging Time that's written on the #EVsigns has exceeded."

**Panel 5 (Middle Middle):** Illustration of a car and two people. Text: "All plug-in vehicles have a right to charge, and all are expected to follow the #EVguidelines for charging."

**Panel 6 (Middle Right):** Illustration of a woman on a phone and a shark. Text: "If you must unplug another EV make sure it is done charging. Leave a polite courtesy note."

**Panel 7 (Bottom Left):** Illustration of a person cleaning a charging station. Text: "Leave charging spots in better condition than when you found it (wrap cords, don't litter, etc.)"

**Panel 8 (Bottom Middle):** Illustration of a person leaving a note. Text: "When you are charging and going to different area, Please leave your contact info for next person"

**Panel 9 (Bottom Middle-Right):** Illustration of a car with a 'Good' sign. Text: "An EV with an open charge port is the universal signal for 'please-plug-me-in when you're done.' When you're finished with an adjacent charger, take a moment to provide them this courtesy"

**Panel 10 (Bottom Left):** Illustration of a woman with a 'No Match?' sign. Text: "Your vehicle must not occupy a spot which does not have the correct port to charge it. (Example, If your Vehicle does not have a DC port or a different Port than what's available at this charging station then do not park your EV here)"

**Panel 11 (Bottom Middle):** Illustration of a person holding a sign. Text: "You must be a positive member of the EV community. Teach Novice EV owners these #EVguidelines"

**Panel 12 (Bottom Right):** Illustration of a superhero and a '100% Charge' sign. Text: "You should not reduce your charging rate in order to park longer. You must charge at your highest rate. Other EV owners may need to charge."

**Panel 13 (Bottom Right):** Illustration of a '24h' sign and a 'HEALTH CHECK' sign. Text: "if the Charging Station is broken please report it to the owner of the station and through the ChargeHub or PlugShare App."