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Climate change is one of the most devastating problems humanity has ever faced--and the clock is running out.

The energy choices we make today could make or break our ability to fight climate change.

Our transportation system is outdated and broken--and it needs to change.

The US food system should be providing healthy, sustainable food for everyone. Why isn't it?

Democracy and science can be powerful partners for the public good--and both are under attack.

Are you considering buying an electric car? Do you want to know more about how EV charging works? There are several ways you can charge an EV. Each one requires different types of plugs, and their charging times, cost and potential savings vary. The type of charge you choose will depend on your driving needs.

All home charging options (with the exception of Tesla vehicles) use a standard EV plug to connect to the car. The other end of the charging cord can either be hardwired or plugged into an existing outlet.

Home charging can use either a 120 volt outlet or 240 volt circuit (like an electric clothes dryer uses). Since almost all EVs include a 120 volt charging cord and 120 volt outlets are common, this is likely the cheapest and easiest option.

Using a 240 volt outlet or circuit requires the purchase of a home charging unit and possibly the need for modifications to the home electric system. However, using a charger powered by a 240 volt circuit has the advantage of charging much faster, from 2 to 8-fold faster depending on the amperage and vehicle.

**Level 1--Home Charging:** Level 1 charging cords are standard equipment on a new EV. Level 1 charging only requires a grounded (three-prong) 120V outlet and can add about 40 miles of range in an eight-hour overnight charge. Overnight Level 1 charging is suitable for low- and medium-range plug-in hybrids and for all-electric battery electric vehicle drivers with low daily driving usage.

**Level 2--Home and Public Charging:** Level 2 charging typically requires a charging unit on a 240V circuit, like the circuit used to power a common electric clothes dryer. The charging rate depends on the vehicle's acceptance rate and the maximum current available. With a typical 30 amp circuit, about 180 miles can be added during an eight-hour charge.

Level 2 chargers are the most common public chargers, and you can find them at places like offices, grocery



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stores, and parking garages. Public Level 2 chargers have a standard EV connection plug that fits all current vehicles, except for Teslas, which require an adapter.

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