



CLEAN CITIES-ATLANTA OVERVIEW

In partnership with the Department of Energy's Clean Cities Program, **Clean Cities-Atlanta is focused on the reducing the nation's consumption of imported oil.** Building on the past successes of Clean Cities coalitions throughout the country in promoting alternative fuels, the program now has an expanded, technology-neutral focus on petroleum displacement through fuel blends, hybrid vehicles, fuel economy, and idle reduction, in addition to the commitment to alternative fuels.

Overall, the Clean Cities mission is to advance the economic, environmental, and energy security of the United States by supporting local decisions to adopt practices that contribute to the reduction of petroleum consumption in the transportation sector.

The purpose of this Clean Cities-Atlanta fact sheet is to provide consumers, fleets, and other interested individuals and organizations useful information, resources, and contact information to learn more about alternative fuels. This fact sheet primarily focuses on information on ethanol and biodiesel; however, other information on alternative fuels and vehicles will be included where appropriate.

INDIVIDUALS AND FLEETS

Tax Credits/Incentives

The following state tax credits and incentives are offered to consumers, including individuals and fleets, within the state of Georgia to encourage the purchase and use of alternative vehicles and fuels:

- Low-Emission Alternative Fuel Vehicle (LEV) Tax Credit- Equals 10% of the cost of a new AFV or up to 10% of the cost of converting the vehicle to operation on an alternative fuel, or \$2,500, whichever is less. Credit does not include hybrid electric vehicles.
- Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Tax Credit- Up to 20% of the cost to purchase or lease a ZEV, or \$5,000, whichever is less. Includes, but not limited to, battery-only electric vehicles and hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.
- Electric Vehicle (EV) Charger Tax Credit- Equals 10% of the cost of the EV charger or \$2,500, whichever is less. Available to any business enterprise for the purchase or lease of each EV charger located in Georgia.

To learn more about the qualifications, cost limitations, and any future Georgia tax credits, please visit Clean Cities State Incentives website at: http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/progs/state_summary.cgi?afdc/GA

The next tax credits and incentives are offered to alternative vehicle consumers on the Federal level:

- Alternative Motor Vehicle Tax Credit- Equal to 50% of the incremental cost of the vehicle, plus an additional 30% of the incremental cost for vehicles with near-zero emissions. Includes new alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) placed in service as an AFV after January 1, 2006.
- Hybrid Motor Vehicle Tax Credit- Tax credit for light-duty hybrid vehicles based on their improved fuel economy and their lifetime fuel savings potential. See website link for credit amounts, varies with fuel efficiency gains.
- Fuel Cell Motor Vehicle Tax Credit- Credit of \$8,000 for the purchase of light-duty fuel cell vehicles. The \$8,000 credit is valid until December 31, 2009. After that, the credit is \$4,000. A tax credit is also available for medium- and heavy-duty fuel cell vehicles.

To learn more about the qualifications and cost limitations of the above tax credits and incentives, go to: http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/progs/fed_summary.cgi?afdc/US/0 or contact Georgia's Environmental Protection Division office at 404-363-7028.

Additional information on the Federal tax credits can be accessed through the following U.S. Internal Revenue Service's Publication links.

For the Alternative Motor Vehicle Tax Credit, please read IRS Notice 2006-9 at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-06-09.pdf> and IRS Notice 2006-54 at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-06-54.pdf>

For the Hybrid Vehicle Tax Credit, please read IRS Notice 2006-9 at: <http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-drop/n-06-09.pdf>

A comprehensive list of all State and Federal incentives for ethanol, biodiesel, and other alternative fuels and vehicles can be found on Clean Cities' Alternative Fuels Data Center: http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/progs/tech_matrix.cgi

Alternative Fuel Locator

To find locations selling alternative fuels, including ethanol and biodiesel, in the state of Georgia and other regions throughout the U.S., search the Alternative Fuel Station Locator on Clean Cities National website at: <http://www.eere.energy.gov/afdc/infrastructure/locator.htm>

High-Occupancy Vehicle (HOV) Lane Use of Alternative Fuel Vehicles

In the state of Georgia, alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) displaying the proper alternative fuel license plates are allowed to use HOV lanes, regardless of the number of passengers in the vehicle. AFVs operate solely on alternative fuels and have, at a minimum, a U.S. EPA certification as a Low Emission Vehicle (LEV).

To apply for an alternative fuel vehicle tag, visit the Georgia Department of Revenue website at: <http://motor.etax.dor.ga.gov/motor/plates/plate.asp?ptitle=AF> or consult your local tag office.

Currently, hybrid vehicles are **not** eligible for the Georgia alternative fuel license plates. Therefore, single-occupant hybrid vehicles **cannot** use the HOV lanes.

For more information on pending legislation on hybrid use of HOV lanes, please visit Georgia Department of Transportation's website at: <http://www.dot.state.ga.us/specialsubjects/hov/hov-afv.shtml>

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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