

# The Connecticut Department of Transportation's Electric Vehicle Charging Guidelines

We applaud your decision to drive electric! The charging stations available at DOT demonstrate the state's commitment to sustainability and show that we at DOT are leaders in expanding clean transportation options. We ask that you follow a few simple rules while charging your electric vehicle (EV) at our facility.

# 1. Safety First:

Practice safe charging. This means properly managing the charging cable during and after charging. During charging ensure that the charging cable does not present an obvious trip hazard (such as across a sidewalk). After charging, check that the charging cable retracts back up into the unit. Avoid overstretching the charging cable to help ensure it can be used for years to come and do not place the charging cable such that it comes in contact with the paint of another vehicle.

# 2. Register Your EV:

As of now all chargers at DOT Headquarters are available at no cost to visitors and employees but we recommend all participants register their EVs at: <a href="https://forms.office.com/g/0xcaD75q97">https://forms.office.com/g/0xcaD75q97</a>



### 3. EV Drivers Must Adhere to Posted Signs:

It is never acceptable for an electric vehicle not having a state compliant ADA parking placard, to park in a designated handicapped parking space or a medical reserved space – even if the parking space is next to the charger.

#### 4. EV Charging Spaces are for Active EV Charging:

Be mindful that other EV owners may need to utilize the charger; only park at charger when actively charging. It's not acceptable for an internal combustion vehicle to park in a charging space designated for an EV, no matter how crowded a parking lot is or how infrequently the charging location is used.

# 5. First Come, First Serve:

There is no guarantee that a charging station will always be available for participant's use and there are no provisions for reserving or being assigned a designated charging space.

#### 6. Charge Up and Move On:

CTDOT limits charging to four-hours/vehicle/day. Only occupy a charging space while your car is being charged. As soon as the charging session is completed-either when your battery is full or when you have adequate range to comfortably reach your destination be prepared to unplug and move your car, making way for a fellow EV plug-in driver.

- **7.** Charge Only When Necessary: Don't charge if you don't need a charge. To make the most of the available DOT charging units, please utilize your home as your primary charging location and use workplace charging as needed to augment your home charge.
- **8.** Workplace/Visitor Charging is a Privilege, not a Right: You are an ambassador of an important and growing market for plug-in electric vehicles, and we appreciate your contribution to make this CTDOT EV Charging Pilot a success!

The CTDOT EV Charging Program is a pilot, and the policy and fees are subject to change in the future. CTDOT Security will monitor employee compliance with DOT's EV Policy and may ticket employees found in noncompliance.