

## Electric Vehicle Charging Etiquette

As Electric Vehicle use becomes more common place, competition for charging stations will increase. These 8 rules for electric vehicle charging etiquette comes from areas experiencing these growing pains (paraphrased from Brad Beman's article, PluginCars.com 2014).



1. **EV spots for EVs** please respect the "green" space reserved for charging electric vehicles, no matter how crowded the parking lot is, or how infrequently the charger may seem to be used.
2. **No Nasty Notes** even if the space is being occupied by a non-plug-in vehicle blocking the charging cord, your hardship should only be expressed in a positive way to encourage a change in behaviour.
3. **Charge Only When Necessary** leave designated spots free for other electric vehicles, if you don't NEED a charge.
4. **Charge Up and Move On** as soon as your charging session has completed either a full charge or a sufficient charge to reach your next destination, unplug and move your car as soon as possible (many charging networks can be set to notify you when your charge is complete).
5. **It's Okay to Ask for a Charge** if an electric vehicle charging spot is currently being used and you are able to park within reach of the charging cord, it is acceptable practice to leave a note to request to have your car plugged in after the present charge is done.
6. **Don't unplug Plug-in Hybrids...** electric vehicle owners should not make any distinction between hybrid and fully-electric vehicles, just because one MAY have a back-up engine.
7. **...Except When Plug-in Hybrids Are Done Charging** if a plugged-in vehicle has fully completed its charge, it is possible to unplug the electric vehicle. (In this case a note should be left to clearly identify why the car was unplugged and leave your contact information).
8. **Safety First** practice safe charging by properly managing the charging cord, by tucking it away after use to prevent tripping or driving over it.