

# How to Charge an Electric Car Without a Garage

The easiest way to charge your car without a garage is to charge it at a public charging station. But if you live somewhere without access to a personal garage, such as apartment or condo buildings, it's still possible to charge an electric car there as well.

## Can You Own an Electric Car Without a Garage?



If your home has working electricity, you can own and charge an electric car. It will make it a little more challenging, but it's still possible.

## Charging an Electric Car Outside



The first piece of equipment that needs to be installed is called EVSE, or electric vehicle service equipment. It attaches to an external wall or a free-standing pole that's near your car and is built to last in multiple outdoor conditions. The equipment then draws the electricity from the building it's attached to and transfers that electricity to your car, charging it up.

## Charging an Electric Car in Public



Public charging stations are becoming more common, and you can often find them at the following locations:

- Hotels
- New car dealerships
- Retail parking lots
- Public parking garages
- Curbside stations

## Charging an Electric Car in an Apartment or Condo



This makes installing a charging station a little harder since landlords tend to be stricter on what patrons can and can't do to their property. You'll have to discuss installing a charging station with your landlord and the building manager to see if it's the best option for everyone living there.

## How Often Should I Charge My Electric Car?



It takes about 60 hours for an electric vehicle to fully recharge, but of course, no one has that kind of time. Instead, you have to sporadically charge your vehicle throughout the day to make sure you have enough battery power. If you drive several miles every day, you'll also have to charge it overnight.

## How Much Electric Cars Cost to Charge

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