

# Charging forward

## OPPD helps add EV charging stations.

OPPD is working with community partners to provide greater access to electric vehicle (EV) charging stations for area drivers and those passing through.

In addition, you can find a carload of resources at [oppd.com/EV](http://oppd.com/EV), designed to help educate our customers on the basics of EV ownership and provide information about charging, rebates and more.

### Five new fast-charging stations

The Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) awarded OPPD \$572,000 in grant funding to add five new direct current (DC) Level 3 fast-charging stations at strategically chosen locations.

On Feb. 11, OPPD and the City of La Vista held a dedication ceremony at one of those locations, the parking lot of Cabela's at 12703 Westport Parkway (shown above right).

"This is an exciting day for us," said OPPD President & CEO Javier Fernandez at the event.

"More and more of our customer-owners are driving electric vehicles, and we want to continue to meet their growing needs for fast and accessible charging stations."

OPPD used data from highway records, population and EV



registration to select 10 initial location options along highway corridors. Of these, NDEE selected five, including the La Vista location.

The other locations, all operational as of Jan. 21, include:

- Casey's General Store  
210 E 6th St., North Bend
- Casey's General Store  
1059 Washington St., Blair
- Casey's General Store  
946 11th St., Syracuse
- Parking lot under Interstate 480  
17th & Cass St., Omaha

The DC fast-chargers at these locations are capable of fully charging an EV battery in about 30 minutes, as opposed to several hours for a full charge from a Level 2 charger.

However, each charging station also includes a Level 2 charger, per requirements of the grant, as some older EVs cannot use DC fast-chargers.

According to records from the Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles, EV ownership in our state

has grown from 400 in 2018 to more than 1,500 in 2021.

### Additional EV-charging stations

Since 2019, OPPD also has installed several Level 2 ChargePoint™ public chargers. Grant funding from the Nebraska Community Energy Alliance made this effort possible.

These chargers are located where people typically stay for two to four hours – providing more time to recharge a vehicle. They include:

- OPPD's Energy Plaza (one charger)  
16th St. & Howard St., Omaha
- University of Nebraska Medical Center (two chargers)  
42nd & Emile St., Omaha
- Mixed-use office and retail development, NP Dodge (one charger)  
8601 W. Dodge Rd., Omaha
- Omaha's Henry Doorly Zoo and Aquarium (two chargers)  
3701 S. 10th St., Omaha

### EV resources available online

OPPD's website offers EV education, including a cost-comparison calculator. For more information, visit [oppd.com/EV](http://oppd.com/EV).

## APRIL BOARD MEETINGS

**All-committee meeting:** Tuesday, April 19 (see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting) for details). **Regular board meeting:** Thursday, April 21, 5 p.m. (see [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting) for details). Hearing-impaired call 531-226-3208, 72 hours prior to request an interpreter. Agendas posted and meetings viewable on [oppd.com/BoardMeeting](http://oppd.com/BoardMeeting).

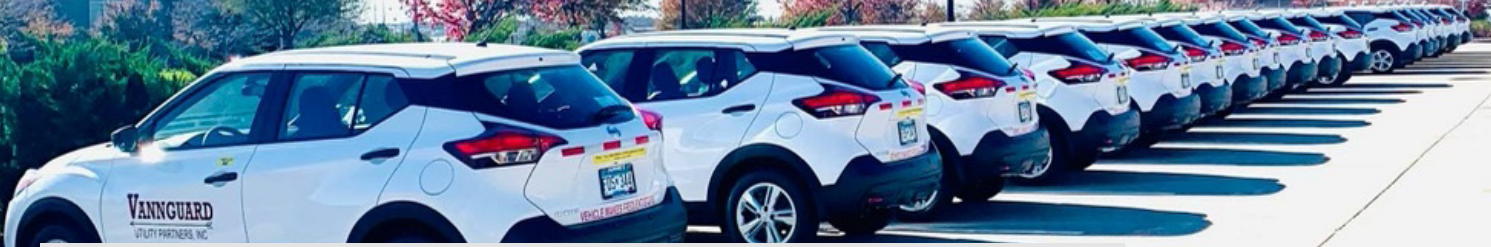
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Provide affordable, reliable and environmentally sensitive energy services to our customers.

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# Vannguard performs OPPD cable-locating services



Since January 2021, OPPD has been partnering with Vannguard Utility Partners to perform location services when a customer requests that underground utilities be marked.

If you see a Vannguard vehicle in your neighborhood, similar to those shown here, they are doing work for OPPD. On rare occasions, our cable-locating partner may need to access your back yard, which will necessitate them coming to the door.

OPPD reminds all customers to call Nebraska 811 before they begin a project that involves digging on or near their property.

All sorts of utility infrastructure, including electrical, water and gas lines, may be buried below the surface. By marking the locations of underground electrical cables, Vannguard can make sure your project is successful – and safe.



Scan code to see OPPD projects underway.



## Other contractors help OPPD with project work

OPPD employees and contractors work diligently every day to safely provide you with reliable power.

More than 1,800 employees handle day-to-day operations. You may notice our white and orange utility vehicles driving around your neighborhood.

OPPD contractors help with tasks such as tree-trimming, transformer

maintenance, ground line inspection and cable location (see story above), to name a few.

Contractors may sometimes need access to your yard, depending on the nature of the job.

In such cases, you will receive advance notification or they will leave behind a door-hanger that highlights the work being done.

Many contractor vehicles are marked as “OPPD contractors.”

Their vehicles typically are marked with their company logo, such as the examples shown above.

If you have questions about work in your neighborhood, please contact OPPD Customer Service at 402-536-4131.

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