

## ANNUAL REPORTING

After submitting an initial report to CARB, fleets are required to complete their annual reporting requirements for MY phase-outs by either April 30 for large fleets or September 30 for small fleets each subsequent year.

Additional annual reporting may be required for forklifts covered under an exemption such as low-use or dedicated emergency. For full reporting requirements, please see the regulation text:

**Final Regulation Order  
Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation**



## DOORS ONLINE REPORTING

DOORS is a free online tool for owners and operators to report forklift fleets and actions taken to reduce forklift emissions.

For questions regarding DOORS, please contact the ZE Forklift team using the information below.

For more information regarding CARB's Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation, please visit:

[www.arb.ca.gov/zef](http://www.arb.ca.gov/zef)  
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## Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation Now In Effect for State and Local Government Fleets



**Took effect for state and local  
government fleets on January 1, 2026**

### ZERO-EMISSION FORKLIFT REGULATION

The Zero-Emission (ZE) Forklift Regulation applies only to state and local government entities that own, operate, lease, or rent one or more Class IV or Class V large-spark ignition (LSI) forklifts in California.

The ZE Forklift Regulation is aimed at reducing pollution and greenhouse gas emissions through the phase-out of LSI Forklifts. ZE forklifts, such as those that run on batteries, have been successfully used for decades and proven to be effective alternatives to internal combustion forklifts.

## APPLICABILITY

Any **state and local government entity** that owns, operates, leases, or rents one or more large-spark ignition (LSI) forklifts in California is subject to the Zero-Emission Forklift regulation. The regulation applies to LSI forklifts, i.e., those powered by propane, natural gas, and gasoline. It applies to cushion-tired (Class IV) LSI forklifts of all lift capacities and pneumatic-tired (Class V) LSI forklifts of lift capacities 12,000 pounds or less.

## REQUIREMENTS

Starting January 1, 2026, fleet operators may not possess, operate, or allow the operation of an LSI forklift in California unless it is:

- A 2025 or previous model-year (MY) forklift that has not yet been phased out and is otherwise in compliance with the applicable phase-out requirements;
- Before January 1, 2027, a new 2025 MY forklift;
- Before January 1, 2038, a 2026 through 2028 MY
- Class V forklift rented from a rental agency;
- A Class V forklift with a lift capacity greater than 12,000 pounds that has been reported under Heavy Class V LSI Forklift Reporting; or
- A forklift covered by an applicable exemption or extension.

For more information on the regulation requirements, please view the **Zero-Emission Forklift Regulation Overview for State and Local Government Fleets** (rev. January 2026).



## FORKLIFT PHASE-OUT

From 2028 to 2038, fleet operators will be required to phase out existing LSI forklifts by MY and class, addressing the oldest equipment first. Large fleets (26 or more forklifts) are subject to a phase-out timeline that begins in 2028. Small fleets (25 or fewer forklifts) may use a slower, alternative phase-out schedule, which begins later in 2029. For full phase-out timelines, scan the QR code below.

## EXEMPTIONS AND EXTENSIONS

The regulation provides exemptions in certain situations, such as for low-use, dedicated emergency use, and in-field forklifts. Scan the QR code below for the full list of exemptions.

The regulation includes extensions for delays outside of the fleet operator's control while phasing out LSI forklifts. Fleet operators must submit an extension application to the California Air Resources Board (CARB) with all required documentation, and CARB staff will review to determine eligibility. For more information on extensions and how to apply, scan the QR code below.

## FORKLIFT LABELING

LSI forklifts required to be labeled pursuant to an exemption or extension must be affixed with at least one Equipment Identification Number (EIN) label within 30 calendar days of receiving an EIN from CARB. The EIN label must follow CARB's label specifications. A fleet may make or purchase labels or paint the EINs on its forklifts.