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Our environment is declining. As a community, we must unite to help slow that change. One step is to move away from fossil-fuels and go electric.

As a renter, you might wonder if there's anything you can do to transition to electric. Yes, there is a lot you can do!

Going all-electric is key to prolonging the life of our Earth. By going electric, you can also live in a healthier home with greater comfort and more modern performance.

## Benefits of All-Electric

- Healthier than fossil-fuel homes
- Greater comfort
- Lower emissions
- Higher and more modern performance

## How to get started

Visit [BillCheckUp.org](https://www.billcheckup.org) for a free review of your energy bill, and ensure you're not paying more than you should

Visit [GLCAC.org](https://www.glcac.org) or call 978-681-4950 to see if you qualify for fuel assistance. You will need proof of income, valid id, current utility bills, proof of rent or mortgage, and citizenship documentation.

If you are accepted, apply for weatherization services through GLCAC. Someone will be sent to your house to conduct an assessment, which is required before upgrading appliances.

If you do not qualify for fuel assistance, visit [MassSave.org](https://www.masssave.org) to apply for weatherization services and learn about rebates and savings

If all else fails, reach out to Andover's Sustainability Director, Joyce Losick-Yang: [joyce.losickyang@andoverma.us](mailto:joyce.losickyang@andoverma.us).

# Next Steps to Going Electric

- Find out if your utility bills are separate from rent. If yes,
  - Subscribe to Community Solar by visiting [MassCEC](#)
- Reduce electrical needs in your home
  - Install LED light bulbs
  - Shut off lights/appliances when not using
- Purchase a portable heat pump
- Borrow and try out an induction burner from the Library of Things at the Memorial Hall Library
- Purchase thermal curtains to keep heat inside your home
- Use weatherproof strips on doorways and windows
- Reduce water consumption
  - Repair any leaks or drips
  - Install low-flow shower heads
  - Install low-flow faucets
  - Install a water displacement device for your toilet
  - Use a clothes drying rack or a clothesline
- Limit your transportation usage
  - Minimize car usage and walk/bike
  - Ride the train/bus more often

## How effective are portable heat pumps?

Portable heat pumps are an extremely effective and efficient way to utilize spot heating. These heat pumps are three times more effective in creating heat than space heaters while being significantly more efficient. They also provide cooling on hot days.

## Why should I electrify my home?

Electrifying your home is one step toward a greener future and includes numerous benefits leading to increased comfort and healthier air.

For more information see  
[AndoverCLT.org](http://AndoverCLT.org)

