USE LESS ENERGY

1. Take the Lincoln Energy Challenge.

If you are a homeowner and utility bill-payer in Lincoln, you are eligible for a no-cost home energy assessment (HEA) every three years. Lincoln has partnered with HomeWorks Energy to perform no-cost energy audits, which help you make simple energy-saving and moneysaving changes to your home.

Call 781-305-3319 or visit **LincolnEnergyChallenge.org** to get started.

If you live in a condo or apartment, or are the landlord, you can get a no-cost energy assessment through MassSave.com

2. Buy an Electric Vehicle.

Massachusetts offers a \$2,500 rebate, and there is a federal tax credit of up to \$7,500. Visit

GreenEnergyConsumers.org and MOR-EV.org for details on eligible vehicles, dealers, incentives, and charging information. For more information visit GreenEnergyConsumers.org. Note these rebates are for a limited number of vehicles per manufacturer.

3. Give Your Home a Self-Checkup.

Maybe your home feels drafty. Or maybe your electricity bill is high. Lincoln has two nifty gadgets:

- Check out a Kill-A-Watt meter from the Lincoln Public Library to see which of your appliances consume the most energy.
- Borrow an infrared camera from the Town of Lincoln to see where your home might have air leaks. Contact Kerry Parrella at kparrella@lincnet.org to request.

4. Update Your Water Fixtures.

Cleaning water for drinking uses about 1% of Lincoln's energy so it pays to replace water guzzling toilets and faucets.

USE CLEANER ENERGY

1. Go Solar.

More than 190 Lincolnites have installed solar panels to provide electricity to their home and reduce their carbon footprint. There is a federal solar tax credit of 26% of the cost of the system (if installed in 2022). Through SMART, a Massachusetts program, utility companies pay customers for producing electricity. These programs will diminish over time, so act now!

Visit EnergySage.com to get started.

2. Explore Energy Efficient Heating and Cooling Options.

Heating and cooling your home and domestic water represents about 60% of your energy usage. There are options to reduce that impact, including Air Source Heat Pumps and Ground Source Heat Pumps. Solar Hot Water may also be viable, even if your roof is not optimal for Solar PV. There are lots of great incentive programs for clean heating and cooling technology, including a state program that offers 0% financing for one project per household.

Visit LinconGreenEnergy.org to learn more.

3. Make the Switch.

Even if your home isn't optimal for hosting a solar array, you can still make the switch to 100% local, renewable power through Lincoln's aggregation program.

Visit the **masspowerchoice.com/lincoln** for more information and to make the switch.

