



Lincoln Green Energy Committee

Programs for Residents

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 two years. Lincoln has partnered with HomeWorks Energy to perform no-cost energy audits, which help you make simple energy-saving and money-saving 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.

For more information on eligible vehicles, dealers, incentives, and charging information, visit GreenEnergyConsumers.org. There is a federal tax credit of up to \$7500 for a limited number of vehicles per manufacturer. Massachusetts offers a rebate of up to \$1,500. This program is changing, so go to MOR-EV.org for the latest information.

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 apearson@lincnet.org to request.

4. Update Your Water Fixtures.

To sanitize water for drinking the Town uses significant amounts of energy, so it pays to replace water guzzling toilets and faucets. Get your rebates for toilets and washers at lincolntown.org. Showerheads and aerators are free with a home energy assessment.

USE CLEANER ENERGY

1. Go Solar.

More than 160 Lincolniters have installed solar panels to provide electricity to their home and reduce their carbon footprint. There are incentives from the state of up to \$1,000 and a federal solar tax credit of 30% of the cost of the system. Through SMART, a Massachusetts program, utility companies pay customers for producing electricity. These programs will diminish over time, so act now!

Visit EnergySage.com or email SolarizeLincoln@gmail.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, Ground Source Heat Pumps, and Modern Wood Heating. 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 or email HeatSmartLincoln@gmail.com 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 and receive a federal tax deduction! Average cost per household is a federally tax-deductible \$15-20 per month (administered through Eversource).

Visit the GreenEnergyConsumers.org for more information and to make the switch.

