

**Lincoln Green Energy Committee**

**Programs for Residents**

 **USE LESS ENERGY USE CLEANER ENERGY**

1. **Go Solar.**

More than 290 solar PV systems have been installed in Lincoln to provide electricity to homes and reduce their carbon footprint. There is a federal solar tax credit of 30% of the cost of the system. Massachusetts offers a $1000 incentive.

Visit **EnergySage.com** to get started.

1. **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. Heat pump hot water can also dehumidify your basement! There are lots of great incentive programs for clean heating and cooling technology, including a state program that offers 0% financing with their HEAT Loan.

Visit **LinconGreenEnergy.org** to learn more.

1. **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.

1. **Get a Home Energy Assessment**

You are eligible for a no-cost home energy assessment every three years.

Visit [MassSave.com](http://MassSave.com) to get started with a Home Energy Assessment.

1. **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.

1. **Give Your Home a Self-Checkup.**

Maybe your home feels drafty. Or maybe your electricity bill is high. Lincoln has three 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 Library to take photos and see where heat is seeping out of your house.
	+ Test run an induction hot plate before upgrading your appliance.

  **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. See the water dept. for rebates on toilets and washers.





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