Your Co Electric Plan



Record the age of your gas appliances and any petrol/ diesel cars (check receipts or the appliance nameplate).

Choose your future electric appliances and/or vehicle.

Prioritise the order of replacing any required appliances and/or vehicle.

Tips:

- **Prioritise replacing appliances that are more than 10 years old.** This can fast track your transition to an all-electric home
- Replace gas heating, cooktop and oven to improve indoor air quality
- Install Solar PV to further reduce your running costs
- Improve the insulation and seal gaps in your home to reduce heating and cooling bills.
- Use the Climate Council <u>Calculator</u> to calculate your savings

We are here to help. Go to: [Council website]



Join the clean energy future and make your home all-electric. Use this plan to prepare so that when appliances need replacing, you're ready to make the switch.

Your household could save up to 75%* per year on your bills.

Key

Good, Better, Best - Ranking of solution based on quality, efficiency and best for the environment.

\$-\$\$\$+: Upfront cost price range.

Current appliance	Age of current appliances (years)	Go Electric with an	When can I replace?
Gas heating		 Split system reverse cycle air conditioning (Good, Better, Best) \$-\$\$ Ducted Reverse Cycle air conditioning (Good, Better, Best) \$\$\$ Heat pump hydronic heating (Good, Better, Best) \$\$\$+ Electric heater (Good, Better, Best) \$ 	
Gas hot water		 Electric heat pump (Good, Better, Best) \$-\$\$\$ Electric storage (with solar and timer) (Good, Better, Best) \$ 	
Gas cooktop		 ☐ Induction stove (Good, Better, Best) \$-\$\$\$ ☐ Electric stove (Good, Better, Best) \$-\$\$ 	
Gas oven		Electric oven \$-\$\$\$	
Petrol or diesel car		 Electric bike \$-\$\$ Electric vehicle \$\$-\$\$\$+ 	

Key appliances for an all-electric home

Appliance	Description	Benefits	Tips and resources	Council programs and other rebates
Solar panels and GreenPower	 ✓ Solar panels convert sunlight into free electricity for use in your home ✓ Any excess electricity goes back to the electricity grid or used to charge a battery 	 ✓ Power your home with renewable energy ✓ Solar can make your electric appliances free to run ✓ Solar usually pays for itself in 3-5 years ✓ Anyone can support more renewable energy in Australia by choosing GreenPower 	 ✓ Run your electric appliances during the day to maximise savings ✓ <u>Check your electricity plan</u> to make sure you're getting the best deal ✓ Check Greenpeace's <u>Green</u> <u>Electricity Guide</u> when choosing a GreenPower retailer 	Victorian Government <u>Solar</u> <u>Victoria</u> solar and battery rebates
Electric heating	 ✓ Can be single unit, many units or whole of house (ducted) ✓ Single units are the cheapest to run 	 Can heat your home in winter and cool it in summer In winter, reverse cycle air-conditioning is 3-4 times more efficient than a standard electric heater or a gas space heater 	 ✓ Clean filters regularly ✓ In winter - set thermostat to 18-20°C ✓ In summer set thermostat to 23-25°C ✓ Choose a natural refrigerant such as R32 ✓ For more information visit <u>Renew</u> 	Victorian Government <u>Energy</u> <u>Upgrade program</u> has discounts for upgrading your heating and cooling
Electric heat pump hot water	✓ Heat is absorbed from the air outside and transferred to the water in the tank	✓ 3-5 times more efficient than an electric/gas hot water heater	 Choose a heat pump with a natural refrigerant Look for systems with control options (such a timer so you can use your solar energy) If your current water heater dies, ask for a temporary system while waiting for an electric heat pump For more information visit <u>Renew</u> 	Victorian Government <u>Solar</u> Victoria hot water rebate Victorian Government <u>Energy</u> <u>Upgrade program</u> has discounts for hot water
Induction cooktop	 ✓ If a magnet sticks to your cookware then it is compatible ✓ Stainless steel and cast iron work well 	 ✓ Improved air quality ✓ Safe ✓ Fast and efficient ✓ Greater temperature range ✓ Easy to clean ✓ Cooler kitchen 	 ✓ Check with an electrician to see if you need switchboard upgrades ✓ Choose electric cooktop alternatives if you have a pacemaker ✓ Portable induction cooktops are cheap, can plug into any wall, and are a great place to start ✓ For more information visit <u>Choice or Renew</u> 	No rebates currently available.
Electric Car or Bicycle	 ✓ Electric cars run on electricity rather than petrol or diesel ✓ Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles run on both electricity and petrol 	 ✓ Electric cars are cheap to run and need very little maintenance ✓ Can be charged on clean renewable energy ✓ Non-polluting and quiet to drive and ride ✓ Electric and cargo bikes are a great alternative to using a car 	 ✓ Consider an electric bike before investing in a car ✓ Use the Electric Vehicle Council cost calculator ✓ Consider location and charging speeds for home charging ✓ Find public charging stations on PlugShare 	Victorian Government <u>Solar</u> <u>Victoria</u> zero emissions vehicle subsidy

Other Resources:

<u>Guide to Electrifying Your Apartment or Townhouse</u> Sustainability Victoria: <u>Electrify your home | Sustainability Victoria</u> <u>My Efficient Electric Home</u> Facebook group



* https://renew.org.au/research/limiting-energy-bills-by-getting-off-gas/