Electrification for Renters

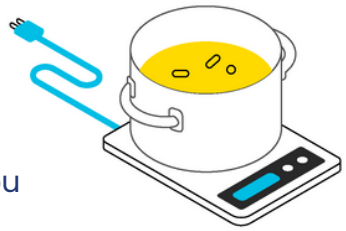
You don't have to own your own home to go electric. If you're a renter, you have more options than ever to power your house or apartment with clean electricity. Here are some actions you can take right now:

Get clean energy

Nearly everyone in the US can get clean renewable electricity with one of the following options. If your community has Community Choice Aggregation (CCA), you can opt-in for renewable energy and lower electricity rates. If Community Solar is available in your area, you can subscribe to a local solar farm, and typically save about 5% on your utility bills. Utility Green Power Programs usually add a bit more to your utility bill, but your electricity use is offset by renewable energy and you support the building of renewable power infrastructure.

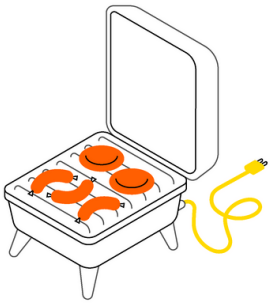
Plug-in electric cooking

If you're concerned about indoor air quality from your gas range, opt for plug-in electric appliances. Options like slow cookers, air fryers, electric kettles and portable induction cooktops don't burn fossil fuels or release toxic pollutants into your home or the environment. Induction technology helps you cook faster, more safely, and much more efficiently. Single burner units start at $60 and plug into a standard outlet.



Electric Grills

Electric grills are a simple way to enjoy outdoor cooking without all the carbon emissions and air pollution caused by propane and charcoal grilling. Modern electric grills heat up quickly, offer great temperature control and produce the same seared taste without messy refueling - just plug in and start grilling!



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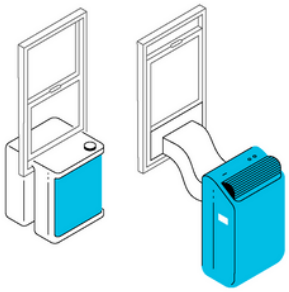
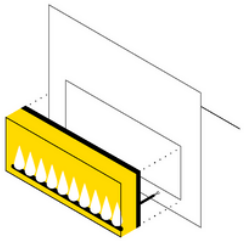
Portable efficient space heating and cooling

Room heat pumps are low cost, easy to install, portable products that deliver powerful cooling and provide supplemental heating when the temperatures fall. They heat twice as efficiently and produce 3 times the heat output of space heaters. Low cost models only provide heat when outdoor temperatures are above 40F, but more expensive cold climate options are now available which heat down to 5F or colder.



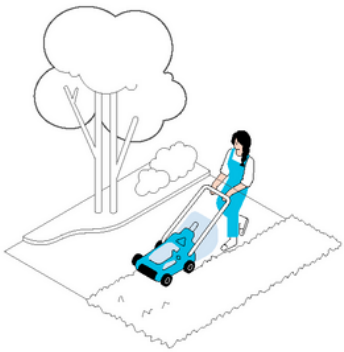
Electric Fireplace

Electric fireplaces provide a realistic looking flame and heat that you can adjust with the click of a button. Free-standing or wall-mounted units are easy to install, plug in to a standard 120V socket and need no external venting.



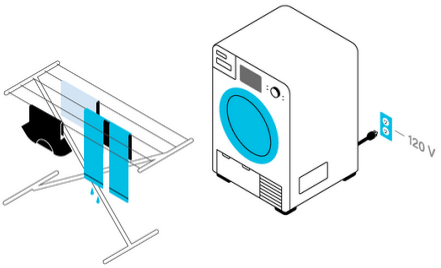
Electric Yard Care

Battery electric outdoor tools are quieter, safer and more convenient to use than polluting gas tools. They cost less to operate, require no maintenance, they don't endanger our health, create zero air pollution and very low carbon emissions, and they are powerful enough to handle even the largest yards and gardens.



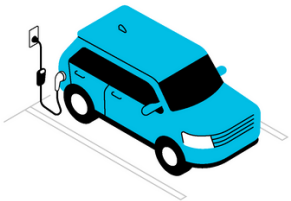
Hang dry, or get a 120V HP Clothes Dryer

To avoid using a gas clothes dryer, hang dry your clothes using zero energy. Mini portable ventless electric dryers cost under $500. Or if you have permission, you can install a high efficiency heat pump dryer or combo washer/dryer which plugs into a standard 120V outlet.



EV Charging and E-bikes

An EV or used EV can replace a gas burning car to save hundreds of dollars per year on fuel and slash carbon emissions. You may have the option of level one charging using a standard outlet at your rental home, or use public fast charging stations. Storing and charging an e-bike might also be a great option.



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