# **Building Electrification in Oakland**

## Building electrification means switching gas appliances with electric ones.

Everyone deserves to live in a safe and healthy home, and clean energy for all will help us get there. Today, all-electric heating and cooking can replace gas appliances with the same or better performance and efficiency.

# Why building electrification? What are the benefits?



### Health

Methane gas (otherwise known as natural gas) creates indoor air pollution and increases risk of respiratory illness, cardiovascular disease and other long-term health issues. Research has found that children living in homes with gas stoves are 40% more likely to develop asthma.



# **Safety and Resilience**

Going 100% electric and eliminating gas from homes and buildings removes a major source of fire and explosion. After a major earthquake or disaster, electricity can be restored to homes faster than gas pipelines can be repaired.



#### Climate

Methane gas is more than 84 times stronger than carbon dioxide as a greenhouse gas. Switching to allelectric with clean energy is one of the most impactful ways Oaklanders can fight climate change.



#### lobs

The transition to cleaner and safer homes and buildings will require more contractors, technicians, and other workers. Building electrification will bring many well-paying jobs to Oakland communities.



#### Cost

As California transitions to a clean energy economy, the cost of electricity is expected to be lower than gas over time, with more solar and wind being added to the grid every year.

Learn about **rebates** on all-electric appliances from these organizations below! \$1000's of dollars per household available!

**Switch is On**: https://www.switchison.org/

# **East Bay Community Energy**:

https://ebce.org/clean-power-appliances/

# **Bay Area Regional Energy Network**:

https://www.bayren.org/articles-tools-tips/electrification

**Home Energy Advisor:** (866) 878-6008 https://www.bayren.org/energy-advisor

## Pacific Gas & Electric:

https://comfortablehomerebates.com/home-energy-rebates

## For more information, visit

https://www.oaklandca.gov/projects/building-electrification. The City is asking the public to weigh in on how Oakland can reach the goal of 100% gas-free buildings by 2040. Get involved and have your voice heard by taking a survey using the QR code, sending an email to climate@oaklandca.gov or by calling 510-238-6199.



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