

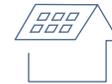
# Making Your Energy Matter

## Electrify Your Life



- Install solar at your home.
- Buy or lease a new or used electric vehicle.
- Replace old appliances with energy efficient ones:
  - Electric clothes dryer
  - Electric or induction stove
  - Heat pump
  - Electric lawn mower/leaf blower
  - Electric panel

A new gas powered lawn mower produces as much air pollution in one hour of operation as 11 new cars each being driven for one hour.<sup>1</sup>



The average home can save between **\$10,000** and **\$30,000** over the lifetime of a solar panel system.<sup>2</sup>

## Green Your Money



- Ask your bank how it invests your money. Consider a green bank or credit card: Aspiration, ATMOS, Ando
- Stop funding fossil fuels with your investments (401k, IRA, credit card).
- Pressure your university/alma mater to divest.

The top four banks have invested \$811 billion in the fossil fuel economy from 2016-2019.<sup>3</sup>

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In the U.S., the 20 largest college and university endowments total more than **\$322 billion**. About 58 percent of those endowment dollars have quit or partially quit fossil fuels.<sup>4</sup>

## Fix Food



- Eat more plants and grains, reduce meat consumption.
- Reduce your food waste or compost.
- Grow plants!
- Start an herb or vegetable garden, or plant trees and pollinator-friendly plants.



On average, food accounts for 19% of a household's carbon footprint, with nearly half of that from meat and dairy.<sup>5</sup>

US Households waste on average 1/3 of their food (combined grocery, restaurant, and fast food).<sup>6</sup>

## Be a Clean Energy Advocate



- Influence your networks. Help your workplace, book club, neighbors, family, or place of worship go green.
- Vote and campaign for clean energy candidates, donate to their campaigns.
- Know where your city and state's energy comes from and if there is a climate plan. Attend your state regulatory board meeting with a group of friends.

**Making your voice heard by those in power is the most important thing by far you can do to make an impact on climate.**<sup>7</sup>

500,000 state and local elected officials are responsible for making **70%** of US emissions reduction targets a reality.<sup>8</sup>