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.¹



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

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 2016–2019.³

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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. 4



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. ⁵

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



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 meetings 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.

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

