# Your Go 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. Email: env.educators@willoughby.nsw.gov.au



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 could I replace?
Gas heating		<ul> <li>Split system reverse cycle air conditioning (Good, Better, Best) \$-\$\$</li> <li>Ducted Reverse Cycle air conditioning (Good, Better, Best) \$\$\$</li> <li>Heat pump hydronic heating (Good, Better, Best) \$\$\$+</li> <li>Electric heater (Good, Better, Best) \$</li> </ul>	
Gas hot water		<ul> <li>Electric heat pump (Good, Better, <b>Best</b>) \$-\$\$\$</li> <li>Electric storage (with solar and timer) (Good, <b>Better</b>, Best) \$</li> </ul>	
Gas cooktop		<ul> <li>Induction stove (Good, Better, Best) \$-\$\$\$</li> <li>Electric stove (Good, Better, Best) \$-\$\$</li> </ul>	
Gas oven		Electric oven \$-\$\$\$	
Petrol or diesel car		<ul> <li>Electric bike \$-\$\$</li> <li>Electric vehicle \$\$-\$\$\$+</li> </ul>	

## Key appliances for an all-electric home

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

### **Other Resources:**

The Climate Council's <u>Bill Savings Simulator</u> <u>Your Home</u>, Australia's guide to environmentally sustainable homes <u>My Efficient Electric Home</u> Facebook group

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