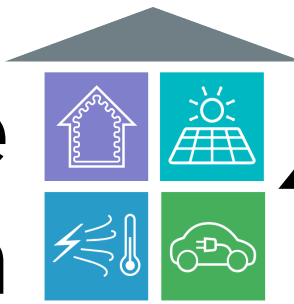


Make A Plan 4 Our Future



Reduce your costs. Enhance your comfort. Protect our climate.

Action Steps

Take Stock *Find your best opportunities to go green*

Are you planning any large-scale renovations?

Upgrade your heating system and insulation while walls are opened.

Are you taking advantage of available financial incentives?

There's never been a better time to buy green technologies...don't miss out!

Do you rent?

*Look for the action items on this list marked with an **R**.*

How many amps is your electrical panel?

Electrical panel upgrades and new circuits may be needed to accommodate new appliances.

Schedule a consult with a Newton Energy Coach **R**

Learn more on the 4 Our Future website **R**

Consult an electrician about electrical panel capacity

Insulate to the Max *Use less before greening the rest*

Have you had a Mass Save energy assessment in the last 2 years?

Particularly important if you have drafty or unevenly heated rooms.

Have you air sealed your windows and doors?

Air sealing is a cost-effective way to save energy and improve comfort.

Have you insulated your attic, basement, and exterior walls?

Take advantage of at least 75% off on insulation through Mass Save.

Schedule a free home energy assessment **R**

Weatherstrip and air seal, DIY or through Mass Save **R**

Add insulation, through Mass Save or other renovation projects

Heat & Cool Smart (HVAC) *Go efficient & electric with a heat pump*

How old is your current HVAC system?

Plan ahead to avoid emergency replacement with a less-than-ideal system.

Installing or replacing central AC?

With rebates, a heat pump can add AC for less than the cost of an AC alone.

What is the fuel for your current heating system?

Heat pumps are cheaper to run than oil, propane, or electric resistance, and have a far smaller carbon footprint.

Research heat pumps and get multiple quotes for your home

Install heat pumps

Remove existing fossil fuel heating system

See more actions and plan your next steps on the flip side

Heat & Cool Smart (Appliances) *Be ready to upgrade when it's time to replace*

How old is your water heater?

Consider replacing it with a heat pump (yes, they're also for hot water).

How old are your stove and oven?

Induction stoves are more efficient, safer, and boil water faster.

How old is your clothes dryer?

An electric or heat pump dryer can slash your carbon footprint.

- Install an electric or heat pump water heater
- Borrow an induction burner from the Newton Free Library **R**
- Install an induction stove
- Install an electric or heat pump clothes dryer

Go Solar *On your roof or elsewhere, solar leads to savings*

Are you signed up for Newton Power Choice?

Going to 100% green electrical power is the easiest way to go green—and can be done in addition to rooftop or community solar.

Do you own your roof?

Adding rooftop solar to condos can be a bit more complicated, but is definitely doable.

When will your roof next need to be replaced?

That's a great time to add solar panels.

Rooftop solar not likely to work for your home?

Sign up for community solar instead!

- Enroll in Newton Power Choice **R**
- Have your roof inspected - if you need to replace it, consider going solar then
- Get a few rooftop solar quotes and install solar
- Sign up for community solar **R**

Green Your Transportation *Drive less, drive electric*

How often do you use public transit?

Reduce traffic by sharing a ride.

How often do you bike (for transportation)?

Bike lanes, bike rental stations, and e-bikes make this a lot easier.

Thinking of buying a car?

Electric vehicles have long ranges, accessible prices, and low maintenance.

- Get a CharlieCard, and commit to replacing car trips with the T **R**
- Replace neighborhood trips with a walk, bike, or e-bike **R**
- Replace a combustion engine car with an electric car **R**
- Consult an electrician about adding an electric car charger

Make A Plan!

My next step this week will be: _____

My next big project will be: _____

Projects to learn about and take on in the next five years: _____

