



Welcome to the Energy Independence Program of Sonoma County

Increasing the efficiency of your home is more than switching out light bulbs or buying new appliances. It's approaching your home as a complete system with building shell (walls, ceiling, and floor), insulation, heating/cooling equipment, water, and other energy features working together to reduce energy use and help lower your utility bills. The Energy Independence Program connects you to the experts and resources you need to take a "whole house" approach.



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Let Us Connect You

- Contact us for information and assistance at SonomaCountyEnergy.org or (707) 565-6470.
- Learn about treating your house as a system with our Action Plan Tool.
- Consult with a Participating Contractor to determine your best upgrade plan.
- Secure your financing using PACE or other options. Maximize the rebates and incentives available to you.
- Complete your projects and reap your rewards! Energy savings, lower utility bills, and a more comfortable home.

Make an Action Plan

In just a few short minutes, our free interactive Action Plan Tool will help you develop a plan customized for your house based on your energy use, needs, and preferences. This online tool will give you a list of actions that will optimize your energy and water efficiency.

 Log on to make your action plan today.

Get the Help You Need

Connect with contractors

Use our searchable, online database to find Participating Contractors who can help you create and complete the right project for your needs. They can also help you qualify and apply for available rebates and incentives.

Discover valuable rebates and incentives

Our searchable, online Rebates database provides information about rebates and incentives that can benefit Sonoma County residents.

Fund your upgrade projects

Once you've decided on your improvements, you can apply online or in person for Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing through the Energy Independence Program. The minimum amount of financing is \$2,500. The financed amount becomes an assessment attached to the property, not the owner, and is paid back through the property tax system over a 10 or 20 year term with a 7 percent simple interest rate. In addition to PACE, there are several other options for financing. Our staff can help you find what's best for you.

Find the Right Program for You

The Energy Independence Program can connect you with rebate, financing and incentive programs such as:

- Energy Upgrade California™ Home Upgrade offers up to \$4500 in rebates for home energy improvements.
- Windsor Efficiency PAYS® (Pay As You Save) offers residents of Windsor an innovative, new water conservation program that provides them with immediate savings on utility bills and requires no upfront cost or new debt.
- The Healdsburg Electric Department provides energy efficiency audits, rebates, and other incentives to Healdsburg Electric customers.
- Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) offers a variety of residential energy efficiency rebates.
- The California Solar Initiative (CSI) provides incentives for solar thermal systems.
- Income Qualified Assistance Programs offer free weatherization services and energy efficient appliances.

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Why Upgrade Now?

- LOWER INVESTMENT COST – rebates and incentives will make your home improvements more affordable.
- LOWER UTILITY BILLS – reducing the amount of energy and water used in your home can potentially reduce monthly utility bills.
- INCREASE COMFORT – a well-sealed and insulated house stays warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer.
- IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY – proper ventilation and non-toxic materials can reduce indoor air pollution.
- REDUCE YOUR IMPACT ON THE ENVIRONMENT – by improving your home's efficiency, you can directly reduce greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to climate change.
- HELP YOUR LOCAL ECONOMY – working with local contractors supports small businesses and creates jobs.

Discover your reason to upgrade

For us, it was about doing it right the first time:

"We had no idea how much of an impact it would have on our quality of life."

- Abigail Smyth & Bradford Rex, Petaluma

For us, it was about thermostat wars:

"Our home is comfortable year round... plus, it reduced our energy bills and consumption by over 50%."

- Tiffany and Scott Bagala, Santa Rosa

What is it about for you?

Utility bill too high?

See how your neighbors are upgrading their homes and saving thousands!



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