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Dozens of Electrified Homes Open for Tours Throughout Peninsula and South Bay

Free tour offers opportunity to see installed appliances and equipment and learn about costs and rebates

PALO ALTO, September 21, 2023 — More than 40 homeowners from Brisbane to Morgan Hill are opening their homes to display the electric appliances and equipment they have installed to replace gas burning products. The free Electric Home Tour will take place on Saturday October 14, 2023, 10 am to 4 pm, and requires advance registration.

Tour goers will have the opportunity to see energy-efficient heat pump water heaters, heat pumps for heating and air conditioning, induction cooktops, electric fireplaces, electric vehicles, EV chargers, garden equipment, and more. Homeowners and student assistants will be on hand to share information about how to switch out of methane gas (so-called “natural gas”) to improve a home’s comfort and indoor air quality.

“It’s one thing to read about switching out your gas stove to an induction cooktop, for example, but there’s no substitute for seeing these appliances in someone’s home and learning about their experience with them,” said Sven Thesen of Project Green Home. He added that homeowners will be available to answer questions and share information about equipment, costs, rebates, and more.

Registration is currently open on Eventbrite (<https://bit.ly/elec-home>). More information about the tour can be found at the Electric Home Tour website (ElectricHomeTour.org).

This year's Electric Home Tour follows the highly successful 2022 Tour and includes more than twice the number of homes. The free Tour is made possible through the generosity of sponsors — [Peninsula Clean Energy](#), [Silicon Valley Clean Energy](#) and the [City of Palo Alto](#).

High school and college students interested in helping to staff the tour can find out more about the requirements and apply here (<https://bit.ly/EHT-students>)

About the Electric Home Tour

The mission of the Electric Home Tour is to empower homeowners to make informed decisions about transitioning from gas to electric home appliances. Buildings burning fossil fuels contribute significantly to greenhouse gas emissions. By embracing the electrification of homes using clean electricity, we can play a crucial role in combating climate change. For more information, please contact InfoElectricHomeTour@gmail.com.

About the Tour Organizers

Project Green Home (PGH) aims to inspire homeowners by demonstrating that it is possible to build a beautiful, functional, comfortable, ultra efficient, all electric, low carbon house. PGH offers a Palo Alto home as a demonstration of solutions that minimize the building's total lifetime carbon cost. In building the home, the theories and rating systems of the U.S. Green Building Council, Passive House Institute US, and Zero Net Energy were put into practice. PGH strives to inspire and educate others by offering this project as an ongoing showcase, providing tours and educational information for school groups, tours and fundraising events. ProjectGreenHome.org

Acterra is a San Francisco Bay Area 501(c)(3) nonprofit based in Palo Alto that brings people together to create local solutions for a healthy planet. Through education and policy advocacy, Acterra helps accelerate the beneficial electrification of homes, businesses, and transportation, support more climate-friendly food choices such as plant-forward diets and reduced food waste, and empower youth to better understand and act on the climate crisis. Acterra.org

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