

# HOME ELECTRIFICATION FOR RENTERS

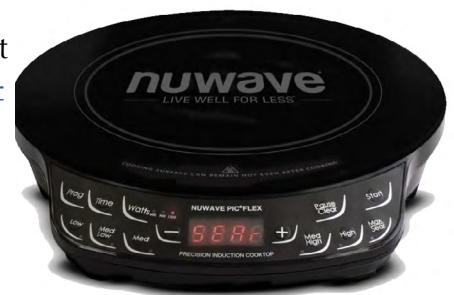
## Part 1: Working with Your Property Owner

- Read these [energy saving tips for renters from the Department of Energy](#), and share it with your property owner. For example, ask your property owner to install thermal indoor curtains or shades to keep the heat in during the winter, and out during the summer.
- Read this [information on home electrification](#), then provide the brochure to your property owner.
- If you are concerned about the health impacts of your gas powered stove, [share this brochure on the health impacts of gas stoves](#) from Physicians for Social Responsibility with your property owner. If your property owner cannot replace the gas stove, see page 2 for ways you can directly reduce pollution risks in your kitchen.
- Ask your property owner to schedule a free energy efficiency and energy saving audit to look for easy ways to make it more comfortable and save energy. In Palo Alto, contact [The Home Efficiency Genie](#). PG&E customers contact [HomeIntel](#).
- If your property owner is considering installing air conditioning, or if your furnace is not operating well, encourage them to buy a heat pump HVAC system which provides both heating and cooling at an affordable price. Educate yourself on the incentives available for heat pump HVAC at: <https://incentives.switchison.org/> and [watch this Acterra video on electric HVAC systems](#)
- If your gas tank water heater is 10 years or older, it could fail catastrophically at any time. Introduce your landlord to [Palo Alto's turnkey Heat Pump Water Heater Replacement Program](#), or look for rebates and incentives on <https://incentives.switchison.org/>. Heat pump water heaters are safer, smarter and save you and your property owner money! Follow these instructions to [figure out the age of your gas water heater](#).

## Part 2: Things You Can Do on Your Own

Buy a single or a double portable induction cooktop. A single cooktop starts at around \$50. Add an induction plate adapter to use with any pot or pan you own for under \$20. You can also [borrow an induction burner from Acterra](#) to see if you like it!

Here's a [guide for portable induction cooktops](#) from the Buyers Guide review site.



Put a wood, metal or plastic cover on top of your gas cook-top and use that surface for your electric appliances!



Buy an electric tea kettle.  
[Good Housekeeping reviewed 21 tea kettles.](#)



Buy a multi-cooker that lets you pressure cook, slow cook, steam, and cook rice and grains. Some models let you bake, air fry, broil and sear. Cookers cost between \$90 and \$350, depending on features.

Check out [Consumer Reports' best multi-cooker review.](#)

