

# Go Electric, Milpitas!



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Rebate Questions

- **I am interested in applying for some of these rebates. How can I get started?**
  - Congratulations on your decision to electrify your home! To get started, you can fill out an application on Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) website, here: [Home Rebates | Rebates to Upgrade Home Appliances - SVCE](#). The website also has additional information on next steps.
- **I am interested in upgrading my home appliances and would like to learn about other rebates or funding opportunities to further bring down the cost of electrification. Can you provide any additional assistance?**
  - Yes, Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) offers additional funding for income-qualified customers, which you can learn more about here: [Home Rebates | Rebates to Upgrade Home Appliances - SVCE](#). In addition, there are other federal and state rebates which you could apply separately for. More information on these additional rebates can be found here: [Federal Tax Credits and State Rebates - SVCE](#).
- **I have no idea where to start but am interested in learning more. How can I learn more?**
  - City staff are happy to assist you. You can stop by Milpitas City Hall and visit our Electrification Corner every Tuesday from 1-4 PM to talk to city staff about any questions you might have. Silicon Valley Clean Energy (SVCE) also provides a free service, [Go Electric Advisor](#), to help residents with any questions about their electrification journey, from answering questions about electric appliances, providing recommendations, finding a contractor, or explaining the rebate information. Check out their website to learn more.

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### Rebate Questions (continued)

- **Can I get the electrical panel upgrade rebate on its own?**
  - No, you will need to pair the electrical panel upgrade with an application for a heat pump water heater, heat pump HVAC, or other core rebate. To see what else qualifies as a core rebate, see the Silicon Valley Clean Energy Home Rebates website [here](#).
- **I have already installed a heat pump water heater in my home, can I get a retroactive rebate credited to me?**
  - No, unfortunately these rebates will not apply to completed projects. However, you can still apply for rebates if a project is not yet complete. We would encourage you to apply as soon as possible to see if funds can still be reserved for your projects. For anyone considering home electrification, we advise to apply for the rebates as early on in the process as possible.
- **How many of my neighbors have received these rebates?**
  - In Milpitas, SVCE and the City of Milpitas have provided over \$200,000 to residents for electric home upgrades in 2024. Many of your neighbors have already installed or in are in the process of installing electric home appliances. Make sure to apply before the funding runs out!
- **How much funding is available for these rebates?**
  - The City of Milpitas has just over \$2 million left to give to residents for these exclusive rebates. This funding was made possible due to the efforts of Congressman Ro Khanna who worked to secure this federal funding for the city.

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### Appliance Questions

- **Why should I switch to a heat pump HVAC, heat pump water heater or upgrade to electric appliances?**
  - Replacing gas appliances with efficient electric alternatives helps you live in a cleaner and healthier environment. Going electric can bring increased comfort, energy cost savings, and improved quality of life for you and your family.
- **How will a heat pump HVAC impact energy bills?**
  - You will likely see a drop in natural gas usage and several studies have shown that over time you'll be saving around \$300 annually.
- **How will a heat pump water heater impact energy bills?**
  - You will likely see a drop in natural gas usage. Projections show an increase in gas prices over time and a decline in electricity costs as more renewable energy sources will further reduce costs, so over time you'll be saving money!
- **What is an induction cooktop?**
  - An induction cooktop uses electromagnetic fields to directly heat pots and pans. This allows for rapid and controlled temperatures, which makes induction cooktops energy-efficient and safe.
- **What is a heat pump HVAC?**
  - Heat pumps use electricity to move heat from one place to another, and have the ability to both heat and cool homes.