



# How to Prepare for the Shift to a Renewable Energy Future

## THE ISLAND WAY

- 01 >> **Switch to electric for heating and transportation**
  - Save thousands on your TOTAL energy spending while letting go of carbon
  - Finance your projects on your OPALCO bill with Switch it Up
  - Buy a used EV with OPALCO's EV Happy Deal and SAVE!
  - [www.opalco.com/switch-it-up](http://www.opalco.com/switch-it-up)
  
- 02 >> **Get a Home Snapshot Energy Assessment to maximize home efficiency**
  - Full report on your home and all systems
  - DIY projects
  - Prioritized list of efficiency upgrades with support from OPALCO rebates
  - <https://energysavings.opalco.com/energy-savings/measure-your-energy/home-snapshot-assessments/>
  
- 03 >> **Make wise use of electricity**
  - Turn thermostats down when rooms not in use – get a smart thermostat
  - Turn water heater down to 120 degrees
  - Put a sweater on
  - Sign up for [Smarthub](#) and monitor energy usage
  - Practice shifting your heavy loads (dishwasher, clothes washer) to off-peak hours (overnight)
  
- 04 >> **Assess your solar potential – there's more than one way to offset your usage**
  - Is your property suitable for rooftop solar? Ask us.
  - Got a business? Call Sustainable Connections about their Solarize program.
  - How much Community Solar would it take to offset your energy usage? [Check it out.](#)
  - Does a home battery storage unit make sense for you? Ask us.
  
- 05 >> **Stay informed**
  - Read OPALCO's e-newsletter and [This Electric Life blog](#) and ASK QUESTIONS
  - Attend OPALCO [events and activities](#)
  - Pay attention to regional news stories about the energy transition
  - Join the [Stewards Facebook](#) page.