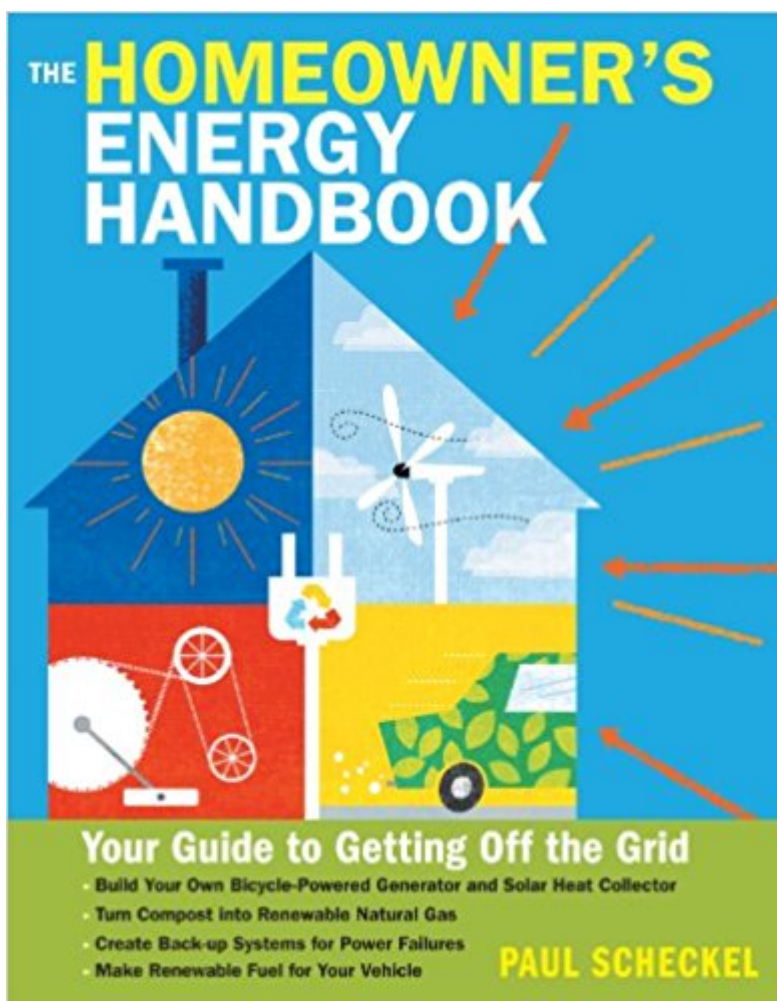


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# The Homeowner's Energy Handbook: Your Guide To Getting Off The Grid



## Synopsis

Are you looking for creative ways to lower your energy costs, generate more of your own power, or become less reliant on the grid? Paul Scheckel offers practical advice for taking matters into your own hands. Explaining the fundamentals of solar, wind, water, and biofuel energy production, Scheckel shows you how to build and maintain a wide variety of energy-saving and energy-producing equipment, ranging from thermosiphon solar hot water collectors to bicycle-powered generators. Use less energy, save money, and help preserve the environment.

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As energy prices rise and the pressure grows to wean ourselves from climate-damaging fossil fuels, interest in energy efficiency and off-the-grid living is growing. Drawing on his extensive expertise as a home-energy consultant, Scheckel has crafted a masterfully clear and accessible guide to incorporating power-saving strategies in the home for anyone with the time and ambition to follow them. The first half of the book focuses on improving home-energy efficiency, including recipes for conducting your own energy audit, retrofitting windows and basements to prevent leakage, and wiring the home for monitoring gas and electric usage. The second, more-challenging half covers the installation of alternative energy devices such as solar hot-water heaters, windmills, and hydroelectric turbines. The most eye-opening chapter here is one on biogas, a novel fuel source

derived from decaying food and animal waste. With plenty of lucidly written instructions, well-drawn illustrations, and user-friendly sidebars, Scheckel's manual is an indispensable reference for library how-to sections and homeowners hoping to cut the cord from their corporate power suppliers. --Carl Hays

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I just bought this book and I love it. I'm often really intimidated by books about energy conservation because it's either strident or so technical that I end up feeling defeated and I just, well...crank up the heat. This book was really different. It's anecdotal, practical, and comprehensive. Inside of 15 minutes I had 4 ideas for how I might save energy in my home...ideas I could actually execute myself. I even LAUGHED a couple times, which is no small thing in a book about energy. My sense is that Paul Scheckel has been thinking about energy conservation for a lot longer than most, and in ways that are really personal to HIM. In other words, he's writing for homeowners. For us. I strongly recommend this book to folks who are looking for ways to cut back on their energy use, and save a buck.

I have read a lot of books on solar energy and other kinds of energy. They never really explained things in terms that the average person could understand. This book however is great! It tells you everything you need to know, and it is written in clear understandable English. I learned a lot from this book and would highly recommend it to others. It not only explains types of energy, it also tells you what you can do to save energy in your home every day with what you've got. In other words, no

installing big expensive converters and such. However, if you want to install a whole new system it explains that too.

Everything you need to know to transition your home to renewable energy, written in a readable, enjoyable style. Scheckel is the archetypal garage engineer who figures out how to make technology serve his family AND the environment because he loves the tinkering. But, he understands that not everyone is as fearless about gear (or has as tolerant a spouse). You can make your family's energy use more sustainable and this book is a great way to start down that path.

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found it quite interesting and informative.

Excellent book

I love this book. It is written in an easy to read format and is very informative. I cant wait to try building some of the things he has instructions for here! Also gives a lot of really good info on how to cut your heating and cooling costs and make your home more efficient.

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