



9 questions to ask your home electrification contractor

1. How can you help with my home electrification project?

Contractors are project developers and installers. Based on your appliance selection, they provide expertise, determine the right panel size, and attain permits.

2. What type of license(s) do you have?

Hiring a licensed contractor can help you avoid financial risks. Verify your contractor's license online through [California's Department of Consumer Affairs Contractors State License Board](#).

3. Do I need to upgrade my electrical panel?

Upsizing electrical panels can be a larger investment, as well as time- and resource-intensive. An electrician can help you determine if your project requires an upgraded or larger panel.

4. Do I have options to avoid upgrading my electrical panel?

You may be able to electrify your home using your existing panel if you select energy-efficient or combination appliances. You can also evaluate technologies such as smart panels and circuit-sharing devices with your contractor.

5. What kinds of incentives are available for this project?

Experienced contractors can recommend appliances with available rebates and incentives. Ask about programs such as the [GoGreen Financing Program](#) and the [Golden State Rebates](#) program and explore our [Electric Home Rate Plan](#).

6. Who will handle securing any necessary permits?

Qualified contractors will know the permitting process inside and out. If you are uncertain, discuss the scope of your project with your local building department.

7. How will the project get coordinated with PG&E?

After you have your project scope, you will need to [apply to PG&E](#) to complete your load assessment, which determines if your project requires service upgrades.

8. What is the typical timeline for a home electrification project?

Timelines can depend on a variety of factors, including the number of appliances you're upgrading, required panel upgrades, electrical code modifications, or supply chain challenges.

9. Where could the project experience delays?

Ask about potential delays that are typical for a home electrification project of your size. Your contractor should have experience with past projects and can share best practices.



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