

THE HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

Alternative Power Sources for the Average American

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An introduction and guide to accessible alternative energy sources for the average American.

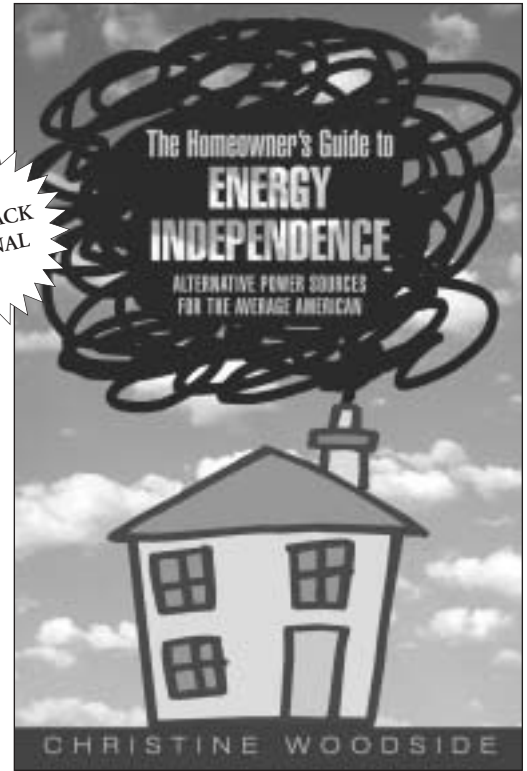
Fossil fuels—oil, coal, and natural gas—make up 90 percent of the world's energy sources. Fossil fuels provoke wars, make us ill, and endanger the planet—and they're running out. Have you ever felt like declaring your independence? Can the average American begin to move away from traditional energy sources without pulling out of society? The answer is *Yes!* A revolution is afoot, and it's happening quietly in homes across the country. There are other options beyond oil and coal, and it only takes access to information to begin making the switch.

THE HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE is a guide to the most viable and affordable alternative energy sources, including solar panels, wind generators, hydrogen fuel cells, wood, hydroelectric, and more. Whether you want to moderately supplement your traditional fuel-burning furnace, or completely revamp your home, this book has all the information you will need. You'll learn about the most progressive and advanced options that have become available to the consumer, as well as tried-and-true energy conservation techniques. You'll learn how much each method costs, and how quickly you will recoup any investment in alternative energy. A chapter covers fuel-efficient cars and alternative fuel transportation. Also included are a list of contacts and resources, so you can get started today.

THE HOMEOWNER'S GUIDE TO ENERGY INDEPENDENCE is for all Americans: urbanites, suburbanites, and residents of the country alike. It is for anyone who gets their electricity and heat from traditional oil-burning sources, but wants to be proactive in achieving freedom from fossil-fuel dependence.

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