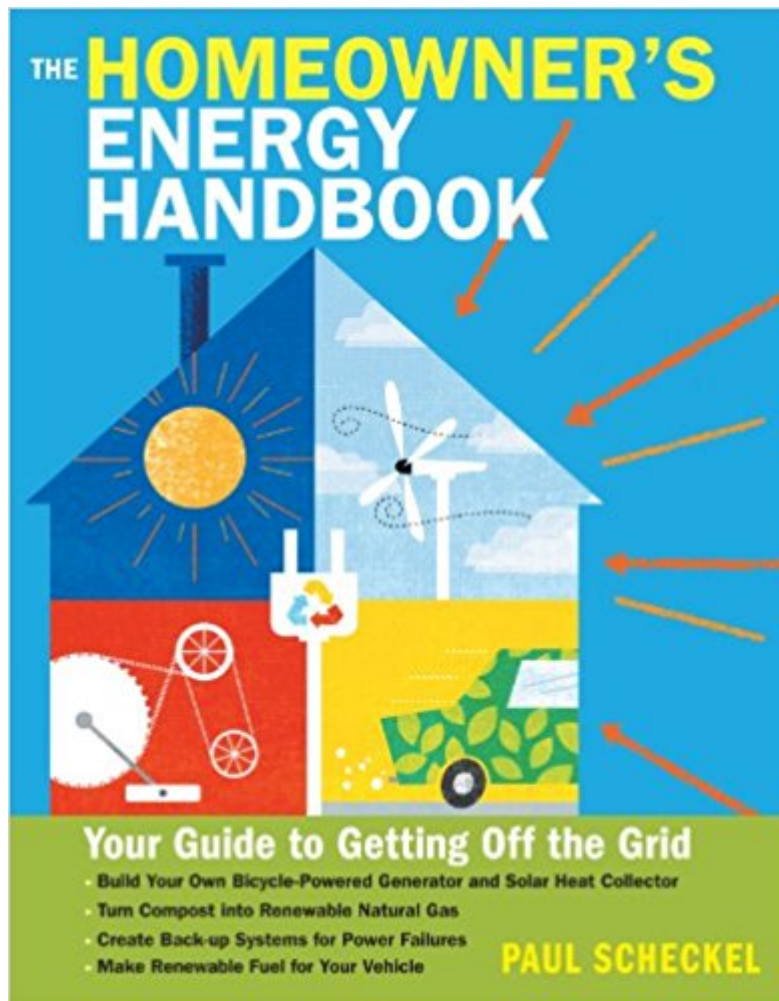


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# The Homeowner's Energy Handbook: Your Guide To Getting Off The Grid



## 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.Â

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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.

This book would be a great resource for any homeowner or educator looking to learn and execute money saving, common sense approaches that we often forget about with weatherization and efficiency. Aside from concise information and drawings showing energy saving techniques there are

several nice sections for more techy DIY'ers on how to build micro-systems to harness additional energy "outside the box". I plan on sharing this book but it will stay in my library for years to come. I thought I knew pretty much all there was relative to common sense energy approaches having done some weatherization and research on heating solutions but this book clearly provided some additional avenues that will produce savings once completed.

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.

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 really appreciate how Scheckel is able to deliver the technical goods, while still making his information accessible to those of us who are not already well-versed in renewable-energy-technojargon. This book is very readable and inspiring, with excellent graphs and charts, and I came away from it with a renewed sense of the possibilities at my disposal.

My website, Mapawatt, focuses on the same target audience of this book, which is how I came to know Paul Scheckel. I reviewed this book on Mapawatt (just search Google for the book title and Mapawatt) and my biggest praise was for the quality of detail, writing and the helpful illustrations. Some books out there are just too basic (i.e. turn off your lights when you leave the room) but this

book goes into great detail while keeping you interested.

This book is a must have , goes though everything I could think of and then some , great ideas, I have incorporated so many ideas from this book, to become more energy efficient and even living off the grid living ideas.

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