Tom Flynn replaced his old gas stove with an induction range in his Larkspur home, receiving a $500 rebate from Electrify Marin for his gas-to-electric upgrade.

INDUCTION COOKING
TOM FLYNN
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For the past several years, Tom Flynn of Larkspur has been working to eliminate his fossil fuel use as much as possible. He drives an electric vehicle, has equipped his home with rooftop solar, and has upgraded his home in various ways to improve energy efficiency. When Tom learned about Electrify Marin’s rebates for induction cooking equipment, he knew it was time to transition to induction cooking.

Tom couldn’t be happier with the decision. “It’s been a pleasure cooking with the induction stove,” he said. “It is capable of very precise temperature control, so you can very quickly increase or decrease back down the temperature and get just the right amount for the cooking effect you want,” said Tom, adding “It is so quick in heating things up, it is really surprising how quickly you can boil water and get things hot when you want to.”

Switching to induction has lowered Tom's gas costs a bit, with no increase in electrical costs since he has solar with sufficient capacity to cover all his electrical needs.

Tom shares his enthusiasm for induction cooking with his friends and neighbors. He encourages those who don’t have experience with the technology to test it out for themselves on a portable induction burner, which can be obtained quite inexpensively.

Looking toward the future, Tom is planning for additional gas-to-electric upgrades down the road. For now, his remaining natural gas appliances are highly efficient and relatively new. “When they reach the end of their useful life, I’ll go electric heat pump and add additional solar if necessary,” he said.