

BUILDING DECARBONIZATION AND YOU

Building decarbonization, or the process of buildings using less carbon, is a hot topic across the world. The goal of building decarbonization is to stop our buildings from contributing to climate change. Many communities are looking to reduce energy use as one way to drastically slash the carbon our buildings use. There are benefits and unintentional consequences when owners improve buildings. Read more to explore what these consequences are and how to prevent them.

BENEFITS



Would you like cleaner air in your building? How about cheaper energy bills? When your home, school, or office uses less energy, it saves everyone money on utility bills.

UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES



Upgrading our buildings costs money, and those costs can end up as higher rents. This limits who gets to live in healthy buildings, and can make it expensive to stay in the same building after upgrades have been made.



What are frontline communities?

Frontline communities are <u>affected first and worst by</u> <u>climate change</u>, and are usually low-income communities of color. Residents of these communities organize together to find solutions.

POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS



Whether you rent, own, or sublease, we can take control of what happens to our buildings. Communities have the power to prevent unintended consequences of building decarbonization by being involved in the process and advocating for themselves and their community.