



Greening Your Electricity: Points to Consider and Questions to Ask



Choosing a Green Power Option is Complicated

- How much renewable energy do you want?
- Is promoting Local Renewable Power a priority?
- Is saving money a major driver?
- What does the fine print say?

Mass Energy Green Power

- Visit www.massenergy.org to learn about their programs:
- Each program has a different charge per kilowatt-hour
- Know your monthly electricity usage, since costs are based on your usage
 - Look at their FAQs
 - Their website lists the projects they support

Green Power Suppliers

- Price – Is the price a short-term “teaser” rate? If it’s a fixed price, how long is it valid? If it’s a variable rate, is there advance notice before the rate changes?
- Fees - Are there additional monthly fees in addition to the per kilowatt hour charge?
- Contract - Is there an automatic contract renewal? Will you be notified and have a chance to cancel?
- When a company advertises green or renewable energy, what exactly are they delivering?
 - Remember that, by law, 10% of all power in Mass is renewable
 - Where are the renewable energy projects they buy from?
- Suppliers (green and not) are listed at sites such as:
 - www.ChooseEnergy.com, www.CurrentChoice.com and
 - www.eversource.com/nstar/CustomerCare/residential/CompetitiveSupplierAdmin/CompetitiveSuppliers

Community Solar

- Are there specific plans for the solar farm in our area? When?
- Is there a deposit required for signing up? What happens to the deposit if the solar project doesn't go through?
- How long is the contract?
- How much will you save?
- What happens if you move during the term of the contract?