

WestonPower CHOICE

An electricity program
provided by the
Town of Weston for
its residents and
businesses



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What kind of program is Weston Power Choice?

The **Weston Power Choice** program provides an opportunity for Weston to take a bold step and significantly increase the amount of renewable energy in the community's electricity supply.

The program is a form of group electricity purchasing known as *electricity aggregation*.

More than 140 communities
in Massachusetts are already
engaged in electricity aggregation,
many designed to buy more
renewable electricity.

With the program, the Town will use the bulk buying power of the community to:

- Select an electricity supplier for the community
- Integrate more renewable energy into the community's electricity supply than state law requires
- Provide consumers with new electricity choices
- Offer stable and competitive prices compared with Eversource's Basic Service, though savings cannot be guaranteed
- Secure consumer protections

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New Electricity Choices

The **Weston Power Choice** program will provide Town-vetted alternatives to Eversource's Basic Service and to other electricity supply offers in the marketplace.

As a program participant, you will receive a standard amount of renewable electricity automatically, above the minimum amount required by state law. (The standard amount is still to be determined.)

Or you can choose another option, including:

- ▲ **Opt up to 100% renewable electricity.**
- ▼ **Opt down to receive no additional renewable electricity** above the state law requirement, but retain the program benefits of price stability and consumer protections.

All choices, including the standard offering, will provide renewable electricity from New England-based renewable energy projects.



Participating in the Program

All Eversource Basic Service customers (Eversource customers who have not signed a contract with an electricity supplier) will be *automatically enrolled*. This automatic enrollment model is the state law.

Participation is *not* required.
You may opt out of the program before being enrolled and any time after enrollment *with no penalty*.

If you have a contract with an electricity supplier at program launch, you will not be automatically enrolled, but you may opt in.

As a program participant, you will remain an Eversource customer.

- Eversource will continue to deliver your electricity, and you will continue to call Eversource if your power goes out.
- You will still receive your bill from and pay Eversource. This is the only electricity bill you will receive as a participant in this program. The program price will be used to calculate the *Supply portion* of your Eversource bill.
- If you are eligible for a low-income rate, you will continue to receive that benefit.
- If you have solar panels, your net metering credits will still be calculated based on Eversource's Basic Service price.

Opt up to 100% Renewable Electricity!

Weston Power Choice will include a 100% renewable option, with all electricity generated by renewable energy projects located in New England.

By choosing this option, you will make a significant contribution to sustainability and to the local economy. You will help to:

- ☀️ **Reduce greenhouse gas emissions** by ensuring that all of the electricity you buy comes from clean sources
- ☀️ **Encourage the development of new renewable energy projects in New England** by creating more demand for the electricity generated by those projects
- ☀️ **Support local businesses and local jobs** by buying all of your electricity from New England-based projects.

Choosing 100% renewable electricity helps fight climate change!



The Program Implementation Process

Implementing a program like **Weston Power Choice** is a regulated process that is overseen by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU). The state regulatory review process can take as long as a year to complete.

- The Weston Town Meeting voted to pursue aggregation on December 3, 2019.
- Weston submitted its aggregation plan to the State to begin the regulatory review process on October 29, 2020.
- While Weston's aggregation plan is being reviewed, the Town is conducting a planning and public engagement effort.
- Once the State approves the aggregation plan, the Town will issue an RFP for, select, and sign a contract with an electricity supplier.
- After the electricity supply contract is signed, the Town will conduct a public engagement campaign to inform the community about program details.
- At the conclusion of the public engagement campaign, the program will launch.

Learn more about Weston Power Choice at WestonPowerChoice.com