



Beverly Community Electric is a new City electricity program that will help our community take a big step toward achieving our sustainability goals. The program is a group electricity purchasing program for Beverly residents and businesses, and nearly 150 other cities and towns in Massachusetts have similar programs. Through the program, we will use the bulk buying power of our community to:

### Increase the amount of electricity from renewable sources in our electricity supply

If you participate, you will automatically receive more of your electricity from renewable sources than the minimum amount required by the state. Renewable sources of electricity include sources like the sun and the wind that generate no emissions and no air pollution.

### Create new electricity choices

In addition to the standard program offering, Beverly Community Electric will also give our community additional options for our electricity price and the amount of electricity we receive from renewable sources.

### Provide stable electricity supply prices

Program prices will be fixed for longer than National Grid's Basic Service prices, which change every six months or less. Long-term stability will also make Beverly Community Electric prices different from many commercial electricity supply offers in the marketplace.\*

### Ensure consumer protections

Beverly Community Electric will be a consumer-friendly alternative to other electricity supply offers in the marketplace, but without high pressure or fees. The program will have no hidden costs, and if you participate, you will be able to leave at any time with no fee or penalty.

### Participating in the program

Beverly Community Electric will be open to all metered electricity customers in Beverly.

All electricity customers with National Grid's Basic Service, meaning customers who have not signed a contract with an electricity supplier, will be automatically enrolled. This automatic enrollment model is the state law. If your account is eligible for enrollment, you will receive a notification letter from the City in advance with program details.

Customers who have signed an electricity supply contract will not be automatically enrolled, but they may choose to join, and enrollment will be easy.

***Participation is not required. You may opt out of the program before being enrolled, or you can try the program and opt out anytime in the future with no penalty.***

\* Please note: Beverly Community Electric will aim to provide prices that are equal to or lower than the average of National Grid's changing Basic Service prices, but because future National Grid prices are not known, savings can never be guaranteed.





## How the program will work

Beverly Community Electric will **not** replace National Grid as your electric utility. As a program participant, you will remain a National Grid customer.

- National Grid will continue to deliver your electricity.
- You will continue to call National Grid if your power goes out.
- You will still receive your bill from and pay National Grid. 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 Services portion of your National Grid bill.
- If you are eligible for a low-income rate, you will continue to receive that benefit.
- If you have solar panels or participate in community solar, you will continue to receive credits on your bill.

If you choose to participate in Beverly Community Electric, you will see just two changes on your National Grid electricity bill:

1. The electricity supplier that Beverly chooses will be listed as your electricity supplier.
2. National Grid will use a Beverly Community Electric price to calculate the supply services portion of your bill instead of their own Basic Service price.

**Your electricity bill contains two kinds of charges — delivery services charges and supply services charges. Beverly Community Electric impacts *only* the supply services charges on your bill. National Grid's delivery services charges will not be impacted by your participation in Beverly Community Electric.**

## The program implementation process

Implementing a program like Beverly Community Electric 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 Beverly City Council voted to pursue aggregation on July 7, 2020.
- Beverly will submit its aggregation plan to the State to begin the regulatory review process in February 2021.
- While Beverly's aggregation plan is being reviewed, the City is conducting a planning and public engagement effort.
- Once the State approves the aggregation plan, the City will issue an RFP for, select, and sign a contract with an electricity supplier.
- After the electricity supply contract is signed, the City 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 Beverly Community Electric at [BeverlyCommunityElectric.com](http://BeverlyCommunityElectric.com) or by calling 1-833-350-1631.