

Watertown Faces Climate Change

Electricity Choice FAQ-OPT UP

Opting Up is one of the most Affordable Ways to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint!



WHAT IS WATERTOWN ELECTRICITY CHOICE?

Under Watertown Electricity Choice, the town enters a contract to supply electricity through Eversource's distribution system ensuring stable prices for 27 months and providing 35% more renewable energy than Eversource does at favorable pricing. Most residents were automatically enrolled under the Standard Option during the startup of the program in Summer 2019 when they received a formal "Town Electricity Aggregation Program Notification Letter" from the Town of Watertown. Those new to Watertown you will be receiving a letter shortly.

WHAT ARE MY CHOICES?

There are two clean energy choices under WEC.

Standard (default rate) for 51% Renewables (more than 3 times Eversource's renewables) at 11.494 ¢/kWh

100% Renewable (opt up) at 12.718 ¢/kWh

For those on a very limited budget there is also a choice that provides no additional green energy but at a price lower than Eversource's most recent 12 month average.

Basic receive only the 16% minimum renewable electricity required by state law at 10.654 ¢/kWh

Some customers choose to opt out. Eversource changes rates every 6 months.

Their most recent 12 month average rate is 11.629¢/kWh. **MORE THAN WEC STANDARD.**

I'VE GOTTEN LOTS OF APPEALS TO BUY "GREEN Electricity." HOW DO I KNOW I CAN I TRUST THIS PROGRAM?

This is a town sponsored program under the supervision and regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. It is designed to protect consumers and provide price stability and increase the amount of renewable energy in a town's electricity supply. The WEC contract will provide price stability over a period of 27 months. Individuals may withdraw from the program at any time. Unlike the high pressure sales from private suppliers and sometimes misleading sales pitches, WEC will not raise fees after an initial introductory offer. The watertownelectricitychoice.com materials will feature town seal. The Watertown Energy Manager who oversees the program is easily accessible by phone, email, and in person!



HOW DO I OPT UP?

It's Easy. Enrollment in the Standard Offering is automatic — but you can **OPT UP** at any time. Those who opted out initially can **JOIN NOW** and receive the benefits of this program

To opt up to 100% Green, visit WatertownElectricityChoice.com and click “Opt up” or call 1-844-278-9864

HOW MUCH WILL IT COST ME?

Your monthly Eversource bill contains both supply and delivery costs. You will continue to be billed by Eversource for both services. Participating only affects the supply portion of your bill – less than half of your electric bill. The delivery part of your bill will not change for those enrolled in this program. Customers will continue to get a bill from Eversource.

The table below compares the supply costs under 3 options. , Going with the Standard Option under WEC, and Opting Up to 100% or Sticking with Eversource as your supplier. In all these options WEC STANDARD is less than Eversource and opting up costs between \$2 and \$7 a month depending on usage.

MONTHLY SUPPLY BILL				
Usage	Avg kWh/mo	WEC Standard	WEC Opt Up to 100%	Eversource
	Rate per kwh	0.11494/kwh	0.12718/kwh	Most recent 12 month Avg rate (7/19-6/20) 0.11629*
Low	200	\$ 23	\$ 25	\$ 23
Average	400	\$ 46	\$ 51	\$ 47
High	625	\$ 72	\$ 79	\$ 73
If you do not have a monthly bill but know how much you usually pay you can do the conversion. Low usage = \$60/month, Average Usage= \$120/month, and High Usage = \$180 per month				
*Eversource rates change every 6 months. WEC rates are good through Dec 2021.				

For those struggling with monthly bills, the WEC Basic Option provides significant savings over the Eversource rate, but does not result in higher renewables. **Learn more at WatertownElectricityChoice.com**

WHY SHOULD I CHOOSE 100% RENEWABLES?

Renewable energy such as wind, solar, or waterpower do not add carbon back into the environment like fossil fuels. There are very few ways that the average person can have an impact on fossil fuel use. If you can't afford an electric car or solar panels on your roof and you can't avoid driving and flying, then purchasing electricity generated from renewable sources has the single greatest impact. Under the WEC program, you will be able to purchase 100% renewable energy for just a few dollars a month.

Watertown has a goal to transition to 100% renewable energy for both municipal and on-municipal uses. For a small monthly amount, you can help the town achieve it's goal. In addition, by creating new demand for local renewable energy, you will be stimulating additional creation and investment in renewable energy.

WHAT IF I AM ALREADY GETTING RENEWABLES FROM ANOTHER SOURCE? Those who are already getting their electricity supply from a third party would not have received the letter from the town and must call to participate. You will likely pay less in the long run under Watertown Electricity Choice. And you will know you're your

prices will be stable throughout the period of the contract – until Dec 31, 2021 and that the program is monitored and town. Some contracts with other providers have a minimum sign up period or may charge a fee for switching. You can find out more about your options by calling 1 844-278-9864.

WHAT IS EVERSOURCE'S ROLE?

Eversource will still send you a monthly bill for supply and delivery.

ARE RENTERS ELIGIBLE?

YES! The WEC program covers all customers who are currently paying Eversource for electricity.

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