

Generate and Sell Your Energy

Your installer will set up your system to feed excess power into the grid. Then you can get paid for your clean power and, in addition, sell Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs)!

Net Metering: your excess power up to 1 MW will be credited at market rates against future electric bills.

Sell RECs: Energy Consumers Alliance of New England (ECANE) will pay you \$30/MWh of renewable generation. Contact Kelly Muellman at 617-524-3950 or kelly@massenergy.com for info.



Visit www.dsireusa.org for a complete and up-to-date list of incentives for producing and selling clean energy in RI.



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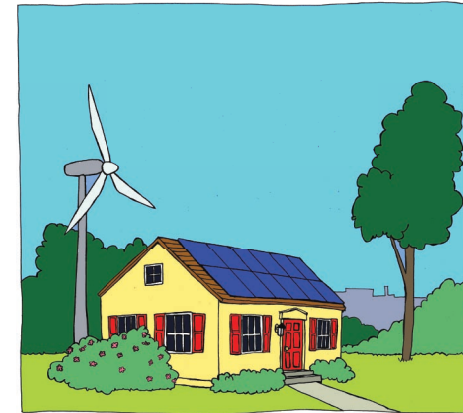
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SIMPLE WAYS TO SAVE MONEY & THE ENVIRONMENT

**Practical Tips on Energy Use from the
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Support Clean Power: It's Cheap & Easy

Buying energy from renewable sources reduces air pollution, fights global warming, and builds the RI economy. Switching takes just minutes and costs only about \$5-10/month.

Switch to Clean Power

Through National Grid's "GreenUp" program, customers can easily buy clean electric power. Sign up in two easy steps:

1: Choose a Clean Power Provider

You have three clean power providers to choose from:

People's Power & Light:	1-401-861-6111
Sterling Planet	1-877-457-2306
Community Energy	1-866-WIND-123 (946-3123)

Visit www.cleanenergyri.com to compare rates and sources of power.

2: Sign Up

Call your chosen provider to start getting clean power. All you need is your account information from your electric bill.

You will still receive a monthly electric bill from your current electric utility. No interruption of service will occur.

Support Renewable Energy

You can also offset the environmental impact of your energy use by buying Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs).

- Match your power use with RECs to offset your energy impact and to support clean energy generation.
- Choose a certified REC provider here:
www.eere.energy.gov/greenpower/markets/certificates.shtml?page=1.



Conserve Energy & Save Money

Big savings are in your power! Reducing energy use can save you hundreds of dollars each year. It's also the easiest and best way you can fight global warming.

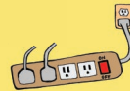
Upgrade!

- Use compact fluorescent lightbulbs (CFLs). CFLs waste 75% less electricity than incandescent bulbs and last 10 times as long, saving \$50-100 over their lifetime.
- Buy efficient **Energy Star** electronics and appliances. They can lower your bill up to 30%! Cash rebates are available to help you upgrade: see "Help is Available" (below) for info.



Pull the Plug!

Plugged-in electronics use power even when turned off. This "Phantom Load" could account for over 10% of your electric bill.



Tip: Connect electronics to a power strip. When you aren't using them, turn off the power strip to eliminate the phantom load.

Turn it Off!

The less you use, the less you pay. So always turn off lights, TVs, computers, and other electronics when not in use.

Bonus Tip: Set your thermostat to 68° in winter and 78° in summer to save 10-15% on heating and cooling costs.



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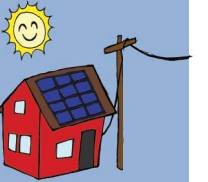
Whether you rent or own your home, these **FREE** services can help you save.

EnergyWise and Energy Hotline – for all RI residents
Call 888-633-7947 (National Grid) or 888-772-4242 (Pascoag Utility).
Ask for a home energy audit and get rebates on efficiency upgrades.

Appliance Management Program – low-income assistance
Low-income National Grid customers can get help with paying and lowering their energy bills. Call 401-574-9100 for info.

Create, Use, & Sell Clean Power

Become energy independent! Renewable power generation can offer homeowners significant long-term savings and even net income. Moreover, incentive programs will help pay upfront costs.



Getting Started

Installing a solar or wind power system is easier and more affordable than you may think. Use these resources to learn more about your options:

- For solar photovoltaic (PV) projects, visit:
www1.eere.energy.gov/solar/photovoltaics.html.
- For wind and micro-hydro projects, go to:
www1.eere.energy.gov/windandhydro OR
www.windpoweringamerica.gov/pdfs/small_wind/small_wind_ri.pdf.

Rebates and Tax Breaks

Many tax breaks and cash rebates are available to help you pay upfront costs. Your tax preparer, utility, and contractor can help you make the most of these incentive programs.

Federal Tax Credits: for Solar PV

- 30% of costs, up to \$2000. Program expires December 31, 2008. Use IRS Form 5695.
- Watch Congress for future tax credits for wind and for an extended PV credit.

Federal Mortgage: for Solar PV

- For details, visit www.resnet.us/ratings/mortgages/default.htm.

State Tax Credits: for PV and Wind

- Income tax credit of 25% of costs, up to \$3,750.
- 100% exemption from state sales tax.
- Forms at www.energy.ri.gov/programs/renewable.php.

Rebates on Solar Thermal Systems

National Grid customers can recoup upfront costs on solar thermal systems with a rebate: 15% of costs, up to \$1,500.



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