



TAKE THE POWER BACK!



Your Guide to Buying Clean Energy

You can take the power back and make the switch to clean, renewable energy for your home with a few key steps. Just make sure you have a copy of your most recent electric bill, as you will need the account number and the price to compare. **If you haven't shopped for power before, your electric utility is acting as your "default service provider," and is shopping for power for you.** While the company can get you a reasonable rate (the price to compare) they will not guarantee you are getting 100 percent clean, renewable energy.



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LET'S MAKE THE SWITCH!

Follow these initial steps:

- 1 Visit www.papowerswitch.com and enter your zip code.
- 2 If multiple electric utilities serve your zip code, the site will ask you to pick the company that sends your bill.
- 3 Click, "See Full Results."
- 4 **In the left column of the results page, PennFuture recommends selecting the following:**
 - a. If you know how much power you typically buy in a month, enter that under, "Monthly Usage." (Don't worry if you don't know!)
 - b. Select the box that says, "Fixed price." (Variable price plans are often cheaper, but there is a risk your bill will increase.)
 - c. In the Term Length box, select "One Year." (Shorter plans might be cheaper, but switching every few months is more work for you!)
 - d. Select the boxes that state, "No Monthly Fee" and "No Enrollment Fee." (Some people like to select, "No Cancellation Fee," but you will be able to see that in the next steps. A nominal cancellation fee isn't normally something to worry about, and sometimes those plans will be cheaper.)
 - e. Select the box that says, "Renewable Energy," under "Special Programs."
- 5 Select "Filter Results."

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Time to Shop for Clean Energy!

At the top of the next page, you will see a green box that shows the name of your current electric utility. It will have a price “per kWh,” which is known as your “price to compare.” If you select a clean energy provider with a lower “per kWh” cost, you will save money. If you entered the amount of energy you normally use, it will also tell you the estimated cost per month.

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A number of providers that can sell you electricity will be listed on this page. **PennFuture recommends looking for the companies that offer 100 percent clean, renewable energy, which is listed in each option.** Some people choose the company with the least expensive per kWh charge, while others like to research the different companies in more detail before making the switch.

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After you select a new provider, you can either click, “View All Offers,” to see the many options each provider has available, or just click, “Sign up for this offer.”

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You will then be taken to the new provider’s website to view the offers, or proceed with the sign up steps. You will be asked to enter your name, address, and account number to complete the transaction. If you don’t want to enter the information online, the site will also list a phone number you can call.

Before you buy, check the terms of your contract. Verify on the company’s website that you are buying 100 percent clean, renewable energy, and that you are getting at least a one-year fixed rate plan for the price you want to pay.

When you are done, set a reminder to check back next year to be sure you are still getting a good deal on clean, renewable energy.

And – congratulate yourself for taking the power back!



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