

## What is renewable energy?

Renewable electric energy uses more environmental friendly sources such as wind, hydro, biomass and solar rather than the traditional electric energy sources of coal, nuclear, and natural gas.



**Wind**



**Biomass**



**Water**

## What are the benefits?

People who use renewable electric energy reduce their impact on the environment and help support our country's energy independence by using more local energy sources. You can help increase the use of wind and other renewable energy sources rather than use of coal or natural gas.

## How affordable is it?

The programs vary by utility and can provide renewable energy from 25% up to 100% of your typical use. It appears to cost from an extra \$3 up to \$12 per month above your current electric bill.

## Where can I get it?

You can get renewable electric energy from your local electric utility. When you sign-up your local utility will increase the level of renewable energy to cover your electric use. Refer to the handout for more details.