



SUSTAINABLE WESTCHESTER

1. WHAT IS WESTCHESTER POWER?

Westchester Power, a program of Sustainable Westchester, enables participating Westchester communities to join together to purchase electricity supply in bulk. Westchester Power offers two power options: 100% renewable NYS hydropower and standard, which is a mix of fossil fuels and renewable energy.

2. WHAT IS THE BENEFIT OF THE PROGRAM?

The program offers access to affordable clean, renewable power through a non-profit program vetted by your municipality. It's a safe and easy way for municipal residents and small businesses to participate in market supply options without having to navigate the confusing world of Energy Service Companies (ESCOs).

3. DOES IT REPLACE MY CURRENT UTILITY?

No, your existing utility (Con Edison or NYSEG) will continue to deliver your power, maintain lines, and respond to service outages. Your utility is required by law to provide the same customer service to all residents regardless of enrollment in this program. You will receive only one bill from Con Ed/NYSEG on it; you will see separate lines for the electricity **supply** (via Westchester Power's ESCO supplier) and electricity **delivery** (via Con Ed/NYSEG).

4. WILL I SAVE MONEY?

The program **FIXED RATES** provide rate protection and insurance against utility rate spikes and the volatility and unpredictable nature of energy trading prices. However, **savings cannot be guaranteed**, and can only be reasonably assessed over the term of the contract or period of individual participation, not on a short-term basis. In any given month, Con Ed/NYSEG rates can be higher or lower than our fixed rate.

5. WHY WAS I ENROLLED?

Your municipality has designated Westchester Power as the default power in your town to leverage its buying power in order to access the benefits noted above and help increase the amount of renewable electricity on the grid. The program's opt-out structure follows the rules set out by the NYS Public Service Commission. Prior to enrollment, all residents receive direct mail communication and are provided opt-out instructions. **You are free to opt-out at any time and choose another supplier or revert to Con Ed/NYSEG without any fees or cancellation charges.**

Sustainable Westchester is a consortium of Westchester County member municipalities that facilitates effective collaboration of environmental sustainability initiatives. Sustainable Westchester brings cutting-edge, first-to-market innovation and resource conservation to create socially responsible, environmentally and economically sound solutions with the goal of creating healthy, vibrant and sustainable communities.

**Your participation
has made a
positive impact**

SINCE 2016, WE HAVE OFFSET
**605,000 METRIC TONS OF
CARBON DIOXIDE EQUIVALENT
TO:**



142,600

**cars taken off the road
for 1 year**

OR



**10.9 million
tree seedlings**

grown for 10 years

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6. WHAT ARE THE CURRENT RATES?

Current fixed program rates are 7.96 cents /kWh (100% renewable) and 7.71 cents/kWh for standard supply. In NYSEG utility areas the current fixed rate programs are 6.93 cents/kWh for 100% renewable and 6.61 cents/kWh for standard supply. All rates are less than the 2015 Con Ed and NYSEG averages.

Con Ed/NYSEG rates fluctuate from month to month. Their supply charges have been at historic lows since the beginning of 2019 and residents have paid more for Westchester Power supply during this period. It is important to note that over the first three years of the Westchester Power Program, rates outperformed the utility, and customers saw savings during that period.

Of course Con Ed/NYSEG supply is primarily fossil fuel based; when compared to other renewable energy offerings, Westchester Power rates are consistently among the lowest available for 100% renewable electricity supply offerings of comparable terms.

7. WHY DOES MY BILL SHOW CONSTELLATION NEW ENERGY / DIRECT ENERGY AS THE SUPPLIER?

These are the companies that won the bids for Sustainable Westchester's Westchester Power program in the Con Edison and NYSEG municipalities. While they provide the energy, the program is facilitated, administered, and managed by Sustainable Westchester, a community resource.

8. HOW IS THIS DIFFERENT FROM AN ESCO?

Westchester Power is a nonprofit program (not a commercial endeavor) that has been vetted and sanctioned by your local elected officials and is part of a portfolio of community energy solutions. There are no contracts, teaser rates and surprise increases. You will never be subject to penalties for cancelation, slamming practices or phone call or door-to-door solicitation or scare tactics. Communication from us will include your municipalities seal.

9. HOW CAN I LEARN MORE OR HAVE MY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ANSWERED?

Sustainable Westchester is a part of the community, and we stand behind our commitment to the program and its long-term benefits. If you have questions or want further information, please give us a call, we will happily spend as much time as you need.

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savings on your bill's
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- No fee to join
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