

# TOWN OF WALPOLE ELECTRICITY PROGRAM

## AUTOMATIC ENROLLMENT NOTIFICATION LETTER

March 26, 2024

Dear Walpole Electricity Service Customer,

#### This letter contains important information about a change to your Eversource electric bill.

Walpole Power Choice is a group electricity buying program from the Town of Walpole. Participating in Walpole Power Choice changes your electricity Supply price, which is the part of the bill where you pay for the electricity you use. Through Walpole Power Choice, the Town aims to provide an electricity Supply price that is competitive with Eversource's Basic Service prices. But because Eversource's prices change, and their future prices are unknown, Walpole Power Choice cannot gurantee to provide savings compared with Eversource.

If you received this letter and you do nothing, you will be automatically enrolled in Walpole Power Choice, in accordance with state law.

If you do not wish to participate, your opt-out request must be submitted or postmarked by April 29, 2024, to avoid automatic enrollment in the program.

- ▶ **If you choose to participate**, Eversource will remain your electric utility. You will continue to receive your electric bill from them and call them if the power goes out. But Eversource will use the Walpole Power Choice price to calculate the Supply charge on your bill, and First Point Power will appear on your bill as your electric supplier.
  - If you are eligible for a low-income discount or fuel assistance, you will continue to receive those benefits as a participant in Walpole Power Choice.
- ▶ **If you choose not to participate**, Eversource will continue to calculate the Supply charge on your bill using their Basic Service price. Please see the other side for Eversource's current Basic Service prices. ▶

#### **Program Benefits**

**Price stability -** Walpole Power Choice prices are fixed until December 2026. In comparison, Eversource's Basic Service price, which you have now, changes seasonally. Many commercial offers in the marketplace also offer prices that change.

**Choice -** Walpole Power Choice gives you two alternatives to Eversource's Basic Service:

1) Power Choice Standard, which includes the minimum amount of renewable electricity required by state law, and 2) Power Choice Green, which provides all of your electricity from renewable sources. You will be automatically enrolled in Power Choice Standard, but you may choose Power Choice Green for a small premium. Details for both are on the back. ▶

**Potential savings** - Walpole Power Choice offers the potential for savings compared with Eversource's Basic Service prices. **However as noted, Eversource's prices change, and their future prices are unknown.** As a result, savings cannot be guaranteed.

# Walpole Power Choice

Your New Electricity Supply Price: 13.876 ¢/kWh

Compare to Eversource's Basic Service prices on the other side.

**Customer Support:** 

1-844-379-9936

WalpolePowerChoice.com

walpole@MassPowerChoice.com

#### Don't want to participate?

You don't have to. There is no penalty or fee to opt out of the program. You may opt out before being enrolled, or you may try the program and opt out at any time in the future.

If you choose not to participate, you will remain an Eversource Basic Service customer.

To submit your opt-out request, do any one of the following. To opt out before being automatically enrolled, you must submit or postmark your opt-out request by April 29, 2024.

- ► Sign & return the enclosed reply card.
- Opt out online at WalpolePowerChoice.com.
- ► Call customer support at **1-844-379-9936**.

#### **Program Options & Pricing**

You will be automatically enrolled in Power Choice Standard. To choose Power Choice Green and receive 100% of your electricity from renewable sources, visit WalpolePowerChoice.com or contact customer support with the Town's program consultants at 1-844-379-9936.

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				Power Choice Green (100% renewable energy option)			Eversource's Basic Service (if you opt out)		
Price	13.876 ¢/kWh*			14.658 ¢/kWh*			17.216 ¢/kWh - Residential 17.552 ¢/kWh - Small business 22.559 ¢/kWh - Large business		
Price period	Enrollment - December 2026			Enrollment - December 2026			January 1 – July 31, 2024, residential and small business. January 1 – April 30, 2024, large business.		
Electricity from renewable sources**	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026
From renewable or clean sources, required by state law	62%	63%	69%	62%	63%	69%	62%	63%	69%
From new renewable resources in the New England region (MA Class I RECs), added by Walpole	-	-	-	20%	20%	20%	-	-	-
From wind projects outside of New England (National Wind RECs), added by Walpole	-	-	-	18%	17%	11%	-	-	-
Total from renewable sources	62%	63%	69%	100%	100%	100%	62%	63%	69%
Exit terms	Leave any time. No exit charge.			Leave any time. No exit charge.			Leave any time. No exit charge. However, large business customers may receive a billing adjustment charge or credit.		

<sup>\*</sup> The Power Choice Standard price and the Power Choice Green price both include a \$0.001/kWh administrative fee. Program prices could increase as a result of a change in law that results in a direct, material increase in costs during the term of the electricity supply agreement.

#### **Important Information**

**If you have signed your own contract with an electricity supplier, and also received this letter,** you may have signed your contract after this mailing list was created. To stay in your contract and avoid potential early termination fees, you need to opt out of this program by the deadline. Otherwise, you will be automatically enrolled in this program.

**If you have solar panels on your property or you participate in a community solar program,** you will continue to receive solar credits and/or solar incentive payments with no change.

**If you have a tax-exempt account,** you should know that taxes will be billed as part of the program's power supply charge. Customers are responsible for identifying and requesting an exemption from the collection of any tax by providing appropriate tax-exemption documentation to First Point Power. Visit WalpolePowerChoice.com for information on where to submit your documentation.

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to visit the program website at **WalpolePowerChoice.com** or contact customer support with our Town consultants at **walpole@MassPowerChoice.com** or **1-844-379-9936**.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all electricity supply products include a minimum of 62% from renewable energy resources in 2024, 63% in 2025, and 69% in 2026. Power Choice Standard meets the minimum requirement, and Power Choice Green exceeds it.

#### **OPT-OUT REPLY CARD**



#### WALPOLE POWER CHOICE

X \_\_\_\_\_\_ Signature Date

### **Opt-Out Instructions**

You do not need to take any action to participate in Walpole Power Choice.

If you DO NOT wish to participate, you MUST opt out. To opt out by mail:

- Sign and date this card. This card must be signed by the Customer of Record whose name appears in the address on this card.
- Place the card in the enclosed envelope and drop the envelope in the mail. The envelope must be postmarked no later than April 29, 2024, to avoid automatic enrollment.

You may also opt out anytime at WalpolePowerChoice.com or by calling Customer Support at 1-844-379-9936.