



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

## COMMUNITY ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PROGRAM NOTIFICATION LETTER

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April 23, 2024

Dear Cambridge Resident or Business,

This letter contains important information about your electric bill.

You currently have Eversource Basic Service. This means Eversource delivers your electricity, and Eversource is also your electricity supplier (they buy electricity for you).

However, the City of Cambridge has an electricity program called the **Cambridge Community Electricity (CCE) Program**. In this program, Eversource delivers your electricity, but the City selects its own electricity supplier. The City has used the program to develop a new solar energy project in Cambridge. By participating, you're helping to add more renewable electricity to the local electricity grid.

**If you received this letter and you do nothing, you will be AUTOMATICALLY enrolled in the Cambridge Community Electricity Program.**

**Your opt-out request must be submitted or postmarked by May 28, 2024, to avoid automatic enrollment in the program.**

**Participation means:** 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 you will see Direct Energy listed on the Supply portion of your Eversource bill, and the Cambridge Community Electricity Program price will be used to calculate the Supply charge on your bill.

**If you are eligible for a low-income delivery rate or fuel assistance, you will continue to receive those benefits.**

**Choosing not to participate means:** Eversource will continue to be your electricity supplier, and the Supply portion of your bill will remain on Eversource's Basic Service price.

### Benefits of participating

**Local, renewable electricity** - The City uses the funds collected through Cambridge Community Electricity Program participation to add new renewable energy to the grid. The renewable energy from the City's new solar energy project is already producing green electricity that lowers the greenhouse gas emissions impact of CCE customers' electricity supply.

**Choice** - The program gives you three options: 1) 100% Green Plus, which includes 100% from MA Class I renewable energy projects, 2) Standard Green, which includes 50% from MA Class I renewable energy projects, and 3) Economy Green, which includes the minimum renewable energy required by state law. **You will be automatically enrolled in Standard Green. (Details on back.)**

**Potential savings** - The program price may be lower than Eversource's Basic Service price. However, Eversource's Basic Service prices change seasonally. **As a result, the program price may not always be below the Eversource price, and savings cannot be guaranteed.**

### Cambridge Community Electricity Program

Your new electricity supply price:  
**14.81 ¢/kWh**

Compare to Eversource's  
residential Basic Service price:

**17.216 ¢/kWh**

Eversource business prices on the back ▶

### Customer Support:

**1-844-379-9934**

### Don't want to participate?

**You don't have to. There is no penalty or fee to opt out of the program, and you may opt out at any time.**

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

To opt out before being enrolled, do one of the following before **May 28, 2024**:

- ▶ Sign & return the enclosed card.
- ▶ Opt out online at [MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge](https://MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge).
- ▶ Call customer support at 1-844-379-9934.

## Your options in the Cambridge Community Electricity Program

The chart below can help you decide whether to remain enrolled in your current option, change to another option, or opt out and return to Eversource's Basic Service. To make a change, visit [MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge](https://MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge) or contact customer support with the City's program consultants at 1-844-379-9934.

Cambridge Community Electricity Program options:				You will be enrolled here ▼						If you do not wish to participate:		
	100% Green Plus 100% from MA Class I renewable energy projects.			Standard Green 50% from MA Class I renewable energy projects.			Economy Green Minimum renewable energy required by law.			Eversource's Basic Service If you opt out.		
<b>Price</b>	16.82 ¢/kWh*			14.81 ¢/kWh*			13.82 ¢/kWh*			17.216 ¢/kWh - Residential 17.552 ¢/kWh - Small business 11.668 ¢/kWh - Large business		
<b>Price period</b>	Enrollment - January 2026			Enrollment - January 2026			Enrollment - January 2026			January 1 - July 31, 2024, residential & small business. May 1 - July 31, 2024, large business.		
	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026
<b>Electricity from MA Class I renewable energy projects**</b>												
Added by Cambridge	76%	73%	70%	26%	23%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	-
Required by state law	24%	27%	30%	24%	27%	30%	24%	27%	30%	24%	27%	30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>24%</b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>30%</b>
<b>Electricity from other clean or renewable sources**</b>												
Required by state law	38%	36%	39%	38%	36%	39%	38%	36%	39%	38%	36%	39%
<b>Exit terms</b>	Leave any time. No exit charge.			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.		

\* Prices include a \$0.00075/kWh administrative fee. Prices also include a \$0.002/kWh operational fee to support renewable energy initiatives in Cambridge. 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.

\*\* The Commonwealth of Massachusetts requires that all electricity supply products include a minimum of 62% from clean or renewable energy resources in 2024, 63% in 2025, and 69% in 2026. Direct Energy must purchase electricity from MA Class I renewable energy projects and from other sources such as trash-to-energy or nuclear. The Economy Green option meets the minimum requirement. The Standard Green and 100% Green Plus options exceed it by purchasing more electricity from MA Class I renewable energy projects.

### Additional information

**If you have received this letter and also you have signed a contract with an electricity supplier,** you may have signed your contract after this mailing list was created. To continue receiving electricity from the supplier you chose and prevent any early termination fees from that supplier, you must opt out of the Cambridge Community Electricity Program.

**If you have a tax-exempt account,** you are responsible for identifying and requesting an exemption from the collection of any tax by providing appropriate tax-exemption documentation to Direct Energy. Visit [MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge](https://MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge) to learn more.

**If you have solar panels on your roof or you participate in a community solar program,** you will continue to receive solar credits and/or solar incentive payments, and participating in the Cambridge Community Electricity Program will not change how they are calculated.

If you have any additional questions, please contact customer support at 1-844-379-9934 or [cambridge@MassPowerChoice.com](mailto:cambridge@MassPowerChoice.com), or visit [www.MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge](https://www.MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge). Our program consultants will be happy to help you. Or you may contact the City of Cambridge directly at 1-617-349-5323.

Yi-An Huang  
City Manager

# OPT-OUT REPLY CARD



## Cambridge Community Electricity Program

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

### Opt-Out Instructions

You do not need to take any action to participate in the Cambridge Community Electricity Program.

**If you DO NOT wish to participate, you MUST opt out.**

To opt out by mail:

- 1. Sign and date this card.**
- 2. Place the card in the enclosed envelope.**
- 3. Drop the envelope in the mail.**

This card must be signed by the Customer of Record whose name appears on the card. The envelope must be postmarked no later than **May 28, 2024**, to avoid automatic enrollment. You may also opt out anytime at [MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge](https://MassPowerChoice.com/Cambridge) or by calling customer support at **1-844-379-9934**.