

Be a climate champion!

# Opt Up to 100% renewable electricity

with Arlington's Community Choice Aggregation program.

Join Arlington on its path to a sustainable, clean energy future. When you choose to **Opt Up to 100% Arlington Premium Local Green**, you are using your monthly electric bill to expand the renewable energy industry in Massachusetts and other New England states. Your money helps build new, local wind turbines and grow more local jobs. Together, we can accelerate the change from burning fossil fuels for energy to powering our electricity using clean, renewable energy. **Why wait? Be a climate champion now!**

## Ready to Opt Up?

You'll need your electric bill account number.

### Opt Up online:

- [arlingtoncca.com/opt-up](http://arlingtoncca.com/opt-up)

### or Opt Up by phone:

- Call Direct Energy Services, 866-968-8065, Monday–Friday, 9–5 EST
- Ask to Opt-up to Arlington Premium Local Green
- Choose either 50% or 100%

FOR MORE INFORMATION: [arlingtoncca.com](http://arlingtoncca.com)

THERE ARE MANY ENERGY COMPETITORS. **PLEASE NOTE:** NO ONE REPRESENTING ARLINGTON CCA OR THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON WILL EVER KNOCK ON YOUR DOOR TO SOLICIT YOU ABOUT THIS PROGRAM.



# Frequently Asked Questions

## What is Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)?

In 1997, Massachusetts passed the Electric Industry Restructuring Act so that consumers could choose competitive electricity suppliers. CCA programs allow communities to use their bulk purchasing power to negotiate better electric rates for residents and businesses as a group by selecting where their energy supply comes from. Arlington, like many municipalities in Massachusetts, uses its purchasing power not only to stabilize electric rates, but also to choose local renewable energy sources in order to cut greenhouse gas emissions and grow the renewable energy industry in New England.

## What does my electric bill look like with CCA?

**Eversource** still delivers your electricity, bills you, receives your payments, maintains the poles and wires that bring electricity to your home, and provides emergency service. **Direct Energy** is now your electricity supplier. **Eversource** charges for delivery.

## What does Opting Up mean?

Currently, Arlington Local Green has 26% renewable energy as part of its mix. This 26% is comprised of the 15% state-mandated rate (RPS) plus Arlington's CCA 11% default rate. Opting Up allows electric customers the choice of increasing their local renewable electricity percentage from 26% to 50% or 100%.

## Why should I choose to Opt Up?

It is an effective action that you can take to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels to fight climate change.

## Where can I learn more?

- [arlingtoncca.com](http://arlingtoncca.com)
- [greenenergyconsumers.org/aggregation](http://greenenergyconsumers.org/aggregation)
- [goodenergy.com/Community-Energy-Aggregation/community-energy-aggregation](http://goodenergy.com/Community-Energy-Aggregation/community-energy-aggregation)
- [mapc.org/our-work/expertise/clean-energy/green-municipal-aggregation](http://mapc.org/our-work/expertise/clean-energy/green-municipal-aggregation)

COST COMPARISON FOR ELECTRICITY SUPPLY Eversource Basic vs. All Levels of Arlington's CCA <sup>1</sup>		
Program name with percentage of renewable energy for 2020	Cost per kilowatt hour (kWh)	Monthly cost based on using 600 kWh
<b>Eversource Basic</b> 15%*	\$ .12422	\$74.53
<b>Arlington Basic</b> 15%*	\$ .10699	\$64.19
<b>Arlington Local Green</b> 26%**	\$ .11029	\$66.17
<b>Arlington Premium</b> <b>50% Local Green</b>	\$ .12199	\$73.19
<b>Arlington Premium</b> <b>100% Local Green</b>	\$ .13699	\$82.19

**Calculate your actual cost quickly with [arlingtoncca.com/calculator](http://arlingtoncca.com/calculator)**

1. Eversource rates for January–June 2020. Arlington CCA rates through November, 2022.

\* 15% is the 2020 state-mandated renewable energy percentage for electricity.

\*\* 15% state-mandated renewable energy plus 11% additional local renewable energy.