

# The facts on GreenPower

GreenPower is the easiest way to significantly reduce your impact on climate change. One phone call to an energy company can cut your household greenhouse emissions by around 50%\*.

Just ask for GreenPower. [www.greenpower.gov.au](http://www.greenpower.gov.au)



## What is GreenPower?

It is renewable energy from government accredited sources.

## Where does GreenPower come from?

It comes from energy sourced from the sun, wind, water and waste which produce no greenhouse gas emissions. It is bought by your energy provider on your behalf. Only GreenPower is Australian government accredited renewable energy.

## How do I know it's GreenPower?

Look for the GreenPower 'tick' guarantee. Because GreenPower meets the highest environmental standards, the 'tick' logo tells you the renewable energy you are buying is the best choice for the environment. See logo above.

## How do I know my energy provider is purchasing GreenPower on my behalf?

By accessing their sales and purchase records, the Government makes sure retailers are buying renewable energy on your behalf. Audit reports are posted on the GreenPower website.

## GreenPower checklist:

Use this checklist to help select the best GreenPower product for your household:

- Look for the GreenPower logo to make sure the product is GreenPower accredited.
- Check what proportion of the product is GreenPower. We recommend you buy 100% GreenPower products.
- Visit the GreenPower website to check the list of accredited GreenPower providers on [www.greenpower.gov.au](http://www.greenpower.gov.au).

## Why switch to GreenPower?

- You can cut your household greenhouse gas emissions by around 50%\*. Your energy company will replace the same amount of energy from renewable sources that would otherwise have been sourced from fossil fuels such as coal.
- Drive demand for renewable energy. Your contributions will help grow the renewable energy sector.
- You can help reduce water consumption. Renewable energy generators use much less water than coal and gas powered stations.

## How much GreenPower should I buy?

The more you buy the better. You can choose what percentage (10 – 100%) of your electricity account you would like to offset by GreenPower.

## For example:

If you buy 100% GreenPower you can offset all of your household's electricity consumption with renewable energy\*\*. This energy is added to Australia's electricity grids. The more people choose to buy GreenPower the more renewable energy Australia can produce above its set renewable energy target.

## How do I switch to GreenPower?

Call a participating energy company and ask to switch to GreenPower or visit [www.greenpower.gov.au](http://www.greenpower.gov.au) for a list of GreenPower providers

**Some energy retailers may require you to commit to a new contract to sign onto GreenPower so make sure you:**

- Ask what tariff you will be put on for your standard electricity. Check your last electricity bill to see what charge/tariff you are paying now. It will be expressed as cents per kilowatt hour (c/kWh)
- Check whether you need to sign up for a fixed term or if the sign up is flexible. Some retailers require you to sign up for two or three years to their package. If you want to change retailers, you may have to pay exit fees.



\* On average around 50% of Australian household emissions stem from electricity use, transport being another major contributor. Estimate derived from published AGO and ABARE statistics.

\*\* Some GreenPower products are calculated based on the average Australian household's electricity consumption. Check with your electricity retailer to confirm the amount of electricity in kWh's you are offsetting with GreenPower.