

TOWN OF NEW PALTZ COMMUNITY CHOICE PROGRAM

The Town of New Paltz is proud to continue participation in Hudson Valley Community Power, an energy program that provides our residents with cleaner and cheaper electricity.

Since January 2020 we have joined together with other Hudson Valley communities to leverage the collective purchasing power of our residents and small businesses, and negotiate better terms for electricity supply. On July 1, 2021, we will continue to be able to power our homes and businesses with renewable electricity through our renewed Community Choice program. The new fixed price will be \$0.06573 for residents and \$0.07112 for small commercial for 100% NY renewable electricity.

Hudson Valley Community Power is empowered by community choice aggregation, a NY State policy that enables the town to determine our own default energy offering, rather than accept the NY State and local utility default. Community choice provides access to renewable electricity at lower prices with reduced volatility through a fixed rate contract. Participation also provides consumer protections, requires no action by those eligible to participate, and benefits appear directly on monthly Central Hudson bills.

While all eligible residents and small businesses are automatically enrolled, they can choose not to participate. Central Hudson continues to be responsible for electricity delivery, billing, and repair services for all utility account holders, regardless of their program participation.

The town has selected Joule Community Power (CCA Program Administrator) to implement our community choice program with support from Hudson Valley Energy. The program will continue with new pricing on July 1, 2021, and remain stable for 36 months.

The Town of New Paltz has chosen the 100% Renewable Option as the default. Eligible residents and small businesses will automatically be enrolled in the 100% Renewable Option unless they choose another option or opt-out of the program. There are 2 fixed-rate electricity supply options under our program:

1. **100% New York State Renewable Option**, 100% of your electricity supply is matched by Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) provided by New York State renewable power plants (hydropower, wind, solar)
2. **Standard option**, mixture of fossil fuels, nuclear, and some renewable energy.

Residents and small businesses may choose between these supply options, opt-out or opt-into the program at any time by calling **(845) 859-9099 ext. 2** or online at to www.hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com and submit your information through the Enrollment/Change Form under “CCA” in the navigation bar.

For all options, Columbia Utilities Power, LLC will be your new supplier, beginning on your first meter-read after July 1, 2021. The new rate will remain fixed for a 36 month period through June 2024.

Questions?

Please contact the Hudson Valley Community Power team with any questions about the program or any mailings you receive at **(845) 859-9099 ext. 2** or **info@hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com**.

Learn more:

- Check out our program FAQ at <https://www.hudsonvalleycommunitypower.com/faq>
- Join the Hudson Valley Community Power team at an information session and Q&A to learn more about the program.
 - Meeting (Remote)
 - Thursday, May 27th, 2021 at 7:00 PM
 - Link: <https://www.tinyurl.com/HVCP27May>
 - Meeting (Remote)
 - Tuesday, June 1st, 2021 at 7:00 PM
 - Link: <https://www.tinyurl.com/HVCPJune1>