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Happy Earth Month!

Throughout April, individuals, communities, and organizations around the globe will come together to observe Earth Month and renew their pledges to steward the environment and take positive action to protect our planet's future. If you are enrolled in The Energy Co-op's renewable electricity or renewable natural gas programs, you already show a deep commitment towards reducing your carbon footprint every time you do something as simple as turn on the lights, dry your clothes, or cook dinner.

With that said, we know just how committed so many members of The Energy Co-op are to doing even more to build a greener Pennsylvania. If this sounds like you, here are some great ideas to deepen your pledge to fighting climate change and growing sustainability this Earth Month!

Enroll in a new program with The Energy Co-op

Are you currently a member of our Renewable Electricity or Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) program only? Earth month is a great time to enroll in the other, and power your house with 100% wind and solar AND 100% renewable natural gas from The Energy Co-op! Are you a member of our Heating Oil Program? Broaden your membership with The Energy Co-op and sign up for [renewable electricity](#) or [renewable natural gas](#) today!

Reduce your Home's Carbon Footprint

From [weatherizing your home](#) and [installing solar panels](#) to [buying an electric car](#) and [using the IRA to electrify your home](#), there are countless ways to decrease your home's carbon footprint other than choosing renewable electricity or renewable natural gas. Start Earth Month off right by learning more about one of these options!

Help to Grow and Support our Cooperative Community

Tell your friends and neighbors about The Energy Co-op's renewable energy programs, [attend an event this spring or summer](#), present a Member-to-Member webinar, or contribute to our blog (see below for more details about the last two on this list).

Attend an Earth Month Event in your Community

Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and other community organizations will be celebrating Earth Month all month long! If you live near Philadelphia, check out one of [these events](#) in your community.

Join us for a Panel Discussion with Green Philly!

The Energy Co-op is thrilled to announce our upcoming panel discussion in partnership with [Green Philly!](#) This conversation will cover energy choice and energy consumer rights in Pennsylvania and will be held on Wednesday, April 26, from 6-8pm at Friends Center in Philadelphia. Attendees will learn all about Pennsylvania's current energy landscape and future goals, how to choose

a renewable energy supplier while looking out for misleading sales practices, and how to impact Pennsylvania's energy future through both consumer choice and community action. If you or someone you know are interested in attending, please [register here](#). We hope to see you there!

Renewable Energy Classroom

Welcome back to our Renewable Energy Classroom, where we highlight different aspects of the generation, purchase, delivery, or use of renewable energy with a new video or article each month. Each week of this Earth Month, The Energy Co-op will be highlighting a new topic related to energy consumer rights, and the power that Pennsylvanians have to shape our clean energy future. So, keep a close eye on your inbox this month for bonus content from our Renewable Energy Classroom!

In this week's Renewable Energy Classroom, let's discuss local energy policy, specifically, how to switch your city to 100% renewable energy. State and national energy policy frequently dominate headlines, but local energy policy plays an incredibly important role in creating new clean energy infrastructure and setting climate goals.

For many, local advocacy can be a great way to exercise their rights as an energy consumer. Check out this video from [NowThis Earth](#) on the importance of local clean energy advocacy and how to get involved to shape your city's renewable energy future!



Present a Member-to-Member Webinar or Contribute to our Blog!

As a member-owned, nonprofit, cooperative organization, community collaboration is at the heart of everything we do at The Energy Co-op. This principle applies not just to our collective purchasing power, but to our collective educational power, which stems from members sharing specialized knowledge with other members on the issues we all care about.

This spring, The Energy Co-op is excited to continue our series of Member-to-

Member webinars, where members share their expertise on diverse topics with other members of our cooperative community. Our member community is filled with bright and passionate individuals with a wide variety of knowledge in areas related to renewable energy and sustainability. Past presentations given by members include [The Basics of Growing Fruit Trees](#), [Reducing your Carbon Footprint](#), and [The Green New Deal](#).

If you are interested in presenting a topic that relates to our mission to build a better, more sustainable Pennsylvania, please get in touch! These webinars will be conducted over Zoom and are expected to run for approximately one hour with time reserved for participant questions. The Energy Co-op's staff will handle all the logistics, including technical guidance, invitations, and the support needed to help you present an engaging and informative session.

Hate public speaking? Never fear! There are still several great ways to contribute to our active member community, including writing a guest entry to our blog, [The Current](#)! The Current is the best place to go for info about energy market updates, the future of clean energy in Pennsylvania, and sustainability news, from The Energy Co-op. We are always looking for new thought-provoking blog posts to share with our member community.

If you are interested in presenting a Member-to-Member Webinar or writing a blog entry, please reach out to info@theenergy.coop with a brief description of the topic you have in mind and your related experience. We look forward to hearing your ideas!

Join our Team!

The Energy Co-op is currently looking for a qualified candidate to fill our Membership Manager position.

The [Membership Manager](#) will lead the success of our membership growth and engagement. This role will manage new member recruitment and retention strategies and ensure quality experiences for prospective and current members, focusing primarily on outreach, services, and communications.

If you or someone you know has relevant experience and an interest in renewable energy, help us spread the word about this opening. And if this sounds like you, we welcome you to learn more and [apply today!](#)

The Energy Co-op's Earth Month Appeal

Have you heard about our Earth Month fundraising appeal? Throughout April, The Energy Co-op will be raising funds to speak with a louder voice, transition more Pennsylvanians to renewable energy, and bolster Pennsylvania's green economy! Every day, your membership helps The Energy Co-op work towards a cleaner, brighter, more sustainable future, and we are so grateful for your support of our shared mission. Our Earth Month appeal provides an opportunity for members and the public alike to help us work towards a future where all Pennsylvanians use locally generated renewable energy and have ownership of their energy supplier. To learn more about our Earth Month

appeal, [visit our website](#).

Coming Events

Energy Choice and Energy Consumer Rights in PA, a Panel Discussion with Green Philly

Wednesday, April 26, 6-8pm

The Cherry Room at [Friends Center](#), 1501 Cherry St, Philadelphia PA

[Register Here](#)

Member Hike at the Horsham Power Line Trail

May 2023 in Horsham, PA

Details TBA

[Trail information](#)

2023 Annual Member Meeting

June 2023 in Philadelphia, PA

Details TBA

[View minutes from the 2022 Annual Member Meeting](#)

What We're Reading

[Global renewable growth broke records in 2022](#)

Renewable energy capacity worldwide grew at a record rate in 2022, with nearly 295 GW added and renewables providing an “unprecedented” 83% of new energy worldwide

Utility Dive

[Pennsylvania ranks near bottom of states in renewable energy generation](#)

A new report from the federal Energy Information Administration shows Pennsylvania comes in 45th in the country in energy production from wind, solar, and hydropower.

NPR

[Solar panels can cost about \\$20,000, but some Philly-area homeowners say they're worth the investment as energy prices go up](#)

A look into how heightened energy costs have caused many Philadelphians to opt for solar.

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Blog Posts

[Pennsylvania Has Fallen Behind on Clean Energy Goals, but New Leadership in Harrisburg Could Give Rise to Policy Changes](#)

By Eric Miller

[How to Shop for Renewable Electricity in Pennsylvania](#)

By The Energy Co-op Staff

[Faces of The Energy Co-op: Gabe Hochenberger](#)

By Colin Teague



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