

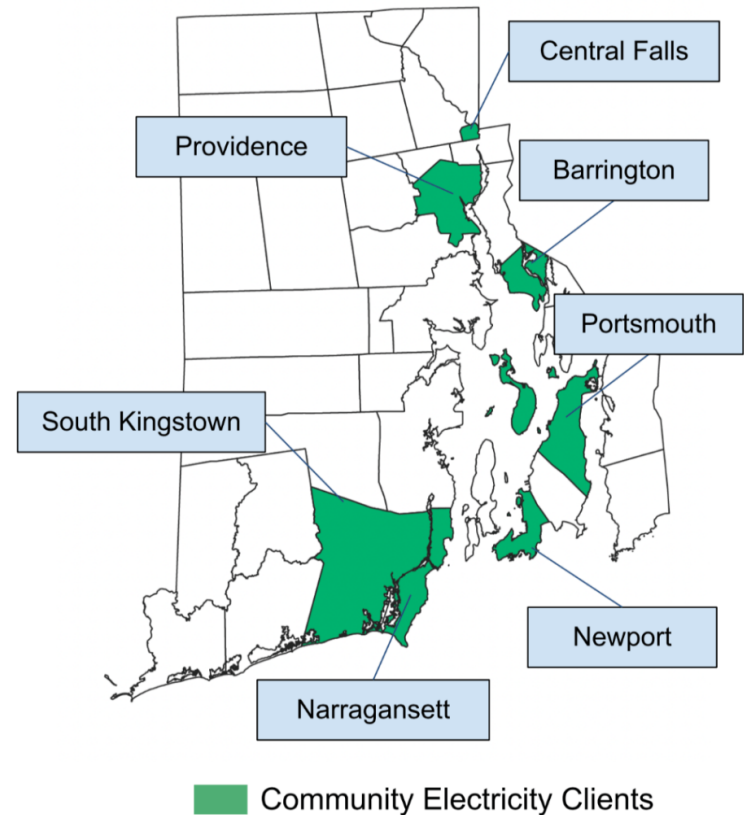
Newport Community Electricity

Purpose

Expand consumer choice by offering Newport residents and businesses competitive electricity supply rates, while accelerating growth of local renewable energy in Rhode Island and New England.

Community Choice Aggregation

Newport Community Electricity is a **community choice aggregation (CCA)** program. CCA programs leverage the buying power of a group of customers to secure energy supply rates that are competitive with or below the utility rate.





Choosing a Supplier

Newport chose NextEra Energy Services as its electricity supplier. We've directed NextEra to procure more electricity from local renewable sources than is required under state law.

Participant Experience

- Voluntary participation **with automatic enrollment**
 - No penalty for leaving program
 - Leave before or during program
 - Only customers who have not chosen a third-party supplier will be enrolled
- RI Energy continues to handle billing & maintenance (e.g. power outages)
- Does not affect net metering or any low-income discount rates

Why we use an opt-out program

- Critical for RFP Process
- Provides the collective buying power of (or in excess of) the largest commercial users
- Provides high degree of certainty for supplier

In September 2021, the **Newport Council permitted automatic enrollment** to ensure enough buying power to negotiate better prices for the community.

Residential Program Rates

At launch, Newport Community Electricity will be less expensive and include more renewable energy than the utility-offered service.

	Rhode Island Energy Last Resort Service (if you opt out)	Basic	Standard (automatic)	Green 50	Green 100
Residential Price	9.761 ¢/kWh	9.151 ¢/kWh	9.361 ¢/kWh	10.222 ¢/kWh	12.321 ¢/kWh
Voluntary Renewable Energy	None	None	Adds 5% voluntary renewable energy (RI New RECs)	Adds voluntary renewable energy (RI New RECs) to total 50%	Adds voluntary renewable energy (RI New RECs) to total 100%
Duration	April to September 2023	May to November 2023	May to November 2023	May to November 2023	May to November 2023

Program Start-up

Launch: **May 2023**

Pre-Launch Communications

- Post Card
- Notification Letter
- Press Release
- Electronic Communications
- In-person meetings

Assisting the Public

- Demonstrate awareness of the program to reassure callers they are not being scammed.
- Direct program calls to NextEra Energy Services Rhode Island, LLC at (888) 387-1084.
- Three ways to opt out:
 - Mail - Return opt out card sent with notification letter
 - Phone - (877) 323-3049
 - Web – complete opt out form at NewportCommunityElectricity.com

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