



New Solar Rebate Program Available

Solar Rebate are Now Available through DOER Solar Program for Municipal Light Plants

TMLP customers who are interested in installing solar panels for their home energy use can apply for a rebate through the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Municipal Light Plant (MLP) Solar Program. TMLP is one of 36 MLPs participating in the DOER's rebate program for the installation of small-scale solar projects in communities served by a municipal light plant.

Locally, the MLP Solar Program will award \$1.20 per watt total for approved projects, up to 50% of system costs, with TMLP and the DOER both providing a matching contribution of \$.60 for systems up to 7.5 kW. As an example, systems sized for 7.5 kW of solar energy production (direct current) will be eligible for a \$9,000 rebate of which \$4,500 will come from TMLP and \$4,500 from DOER.

Awards will be dispensed on a first come, first served basis to solar projects that meet specific TMLP and DOER requirements. DOER has committed a total of \$2.3 million to this program and each participating MLP has committed to a specific amount of funding. TMLP has pledged \$350,000, which the DOER will match, for a potential total of \$700,000 in program funds. TMLP's program will be administered by Energy New England.

Participating customers will also have financing options available through the Mass Solar Loan program, with low-interest, fixed rates and support for income qualified residents.

System owners must work with a primary installer/integrator to complete and submit the MLP Solar Program application. To be eligible for a rebate, system owners and applicants must follow all application procedures and systems must meet the technical specifications.

For more information about applying for solar interconnection, visit http://www.tmlp.com/page.php?content=clean_energy_home

Save The Date!

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 5th, the day we will be hosting our annual Open House in the back parking lot of our 55 Weir Street location in Taunton. This event keeps getting bigger and better every year with activities for kids of all ages!

Help us kick off Public Power Week at this great event! In the event of inclement weather, we've scheduled a rain date of Sunday October 6th.

TMLP Summer Hours

The Customer Care Office at 33 Weir Street is operating on summer hours from June 3rd to August 30th. The office is now open for an additional hour each day, Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Please note that during the week of July 1st through 5th, the office will only be open from 7:30 am to 4:30 p.m. each day and will be closed all day on July 4th.

TMLP Launched Go Green 100% Program

TMLP residential and commercial customers who want their electricity to come from 100% renewable energy sources can participate in the new 'Go Green 100%' program that was launched on June 1st. Through this voluntary program, TMLP will purchase qualifying Massachusetts Class 1 Renewable Energy Certificates (RECs) to meet the customer's electricity needs and guarantee that their electricity comes from renewable energy sources.

The new line item will be added to participating customers' monthly bill and will equal just under two cents per kWh (\$.019 per kWh) for 2019. After 2019, the REC market will dictate the amount of future REC purchases.

"TMLP has been investing in renewable energy initiatives since the mid 1990's. As a public power provider, we want to enable and encourage customer choice for energy through renewable initiatives like this new Go Green 100% program option," General Manager Kenneth Goulart said. "Offering our customers opportunities to voluntarily participate in programs that are important to them is important to us. It is our mission to provide our ratepayers with reliable, sustainable, and cost-effective services that meet their needs. This new program is another example that reinforces our proactive approach to investing in renewable energy in a common-sense way."

To participate, the TMLP customer of record must be in good standing without arrears for six months. To sign up for the Go Green 100% program, call TMLP at 508.824.6976 or visit the 33 Weir Street office.

Our Website Will Soon Have a New Look!

We've revamped and will be relaunching our website www.tmlp.com in the near future! We've designed the site to be fresh and inviting, with new graphics and links that take you to where you want to go!

It's more user friendly and easier to navigate. You'll find useful information about our programs and services just by clicking on the drop-down tabs on the home page. You'll also be able to quickly access your account information and pay your bill after you log-in to your account.

Make sure you check out the new website, along with the Facebook page that we launched in mid-2018. You can also access the Facebook link on our homepage to get the latest information about our electric and internet services and important updates about any service issues. Our Facebook page has been a great source of information for our customers, especially when we have important information regarding things like scams and service interruptions. Please make sure to "Like Us" and "Follow Us!"



A Message From The Massachusetts Department Of Children And Families

Is there room in your home and heart for a foster child?
The Massachusetts Department of Children and Families is actively recruiting foster parents for children in your community.

You can learn more by contacting Ilda Coelho at 508 894-3741 or 1-800-KIDS-508 or by visiting <http://mass.gov/dcf>

Email sonjabritland@tmlp.com with comments or questions regarding this newsletter.



Summer Energy Tips

It's not too late to have your air conditioner tuned up. Schedule this maintenance once a year to keep it running efficiently during the warm summer months.

If you can, upgrade to a smart thermostat to save money this summer. You won't have to manually change the temperature every time you leave the house because it automatically adjusts to the home's climate control while you're away. Plus we offer a rebate on programmable and Wi-Fi thermostats. See our website for details.

Don't put your heat-generating devices like lamps and TVs near air-conditioning thermostats. The thermostat will sense the heat and spend extra energy trying to cool the house down. Even if your devices and electronics aren't near the thermostat, they will still generate heat in your house. Make sure you turn them off when they're not being used.

It may sound simple, but make sure that you close all windows and doors while the air conditioner is on to make sure that all that cool air doesn't go right out the window!

If you noticed a draft in your home this past winter, that same crack or opening will also let the hot humid air in the summer! Your air conditioner or fan will have to work harder – and run longer – to keep your house cool. To keep your cooling costs down, seal cracks and openings around doors and windows by adding caulking or weatherstripping.

Minimize activities that generate a lot of heat such as using your computer, turning on your dishwasher, and using small heat-producing devices like hair dryers or irons. Your televisions will also add heat to your home.

Unplug your chargers. These power converters sometimes use electricity even when nothing is attached to them and they produce heat when they consume power. Feel each plugged-in power converter. If it's cold, it's not using much electricity and isn't warming your house and consuming energy. If it's hot, unplug it if possible.

Add a timer to your pool filter; there's no need to run the filter all day and night. And keep your drain baskets clean to reduce stress on the pump.

Visit our website, www.tmlp.com, House n' Home rebate program to view qualifying energy efficiency measures when you sign up for a free energy audit.

Sign up for a Free Home Energy Audit!
Call 1-888-772-4242



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Customer service for electric customers
(508) 824-6976

Outage-related call
(508) 824-3111

Administrative offices
(508) 824-5844

Dig Safe issue
(888) 344-7233

Office hours

Summer Hours

June 3rd - August 30th:

Monday - Friday 7:00 am - 5:00 pm

Except Week Of July 1st - 5th:

Monday - Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm

and closed July 4th

Payment locations

33 Weir Street

Our office is open

Monday through Friday

Drop boxes

33 and 55 Weir Street

(to the left of the front door)

Trucchi's Supermarket

53 Tremont Street

534 County Street

**TMLP Online 24-Hour
Internet Outage Support**

508-880-TMLP (8657)

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