

Dunbarton Community Power is Commencing Service in January 2026

Important information for electric customers in Dunbarton

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The Town of Dunbarton is pleased to be launching Dunbarton Community Power, a town-operated group purchasing program that pools the electric use of residents and businesses for stable competitive new electric rates and options. The program will commence service in January 2026. The Dunbarton Community Power Plan was approved by Dunbarton Select Board January 25, 2024, by Dunbarton voters at Town Meeting 2024, and by the NH PUC as required under NH RSA 53(E).

The Town of Dunbarton Community Power Committee will host a public meeting Monday December 1st, 2025, 6:30 pm at the Town Offices, 1011 School Street, Dunbarton NH 03046. There will be a short presentation by ECM Power LLC, the Town's consultant for program implementation, and a Q&A session.

The Dunbarton Community Power program is open to all customers in Dunbarton. There are no individual contracts, and the program will never ask for personal customer or payment information. There is no cost to participate, and customers can leave the program at any time and return to utility default service on their next available meter-read date.

There will be no changes to the delivery of electricity, response to emergencies, or billing, which remain with the distribution utilities serving customers in Dunbarton, Eversource and Unitil.

Customers that participate in the program will see their supplier change to "Dunbarton Community Power" on their electric bill. For Eversource customers the supplier name and contact number can be found on the front of the bill where it says, "Your Supplier Is", and on the back of the bill in the supply section of the bill. For Unitil customers look in the section entitled "Electric Supplier Service" for the name and contact number for your current supplier.

All customers in Dunbarton will be sent a letter from the program on behalf of the Town in the next few weeks explaining the program and their options for participating.

Customers may want to keep this letter for reference.

Customers currently on Eversource or Unitil utility default supply that wish to participate in the program do not need to do anything. These customers are eligible for automatic enrollment in the program and will be automatically enrolled in the program Default rate on their December meter read date unless they take action to opt out or choose another program option.

Customers currently on competitive supply will stay with their current supplier. These customers are not eligible for automatic enrollment but may join the program. These customers should contact their current supplier before enrolling to avoid potential early termination fees from their existing supplier.

Customers currently on Eversource or Unitil utility default supply that choose not to participate in the program must take action to opt out. There will be several convenient ways to do so: complete, sign and return the postage paid opt-out card enclosed with their letter; call the supplier; or go online and complete the form on to the program website.

Upon launch, the program basic rate offers residential customers savings relative to the current Eversource and Unitil residential supply rates.

Dunbarton Community Power cannot guarantee savings for all customers or throughout the term of the contract as the utility default service rates change every six months and are not known for the duration of the term.

The program offers a Green Default and three optional products. The Basic rate is the lowest rate in the program and meets the state minimum requirements for renewable energy. Two options with additional voluntary renewable energy above the state minimum are also offered, 10% additional (total 35.2% renewable) and 100% renewable. All renewable energy in the program is from sources eligible for NH Class 1 Renewable Energy Certification located in New England.

Customers that receive a discount on their electricity bill through the Electric Assistance Program (EAP) will continue to receive their benefits. Budget billing customers will continue to receive budget billing for the Delivery Services portion of the bill.

Group net metering hosts and customers with solar panels that receive monetary credit for supply on their electric bills (NEM 2 tariff) should not participate in the program to avoid losing the supply portion of their credit. Group members and customers on the older (NEM 1) tariff that receive full kWh credits on their electric bills may participate in the program. All net metering customers should make an informed decision regarding participation in the program before enrolling.

Forms and more information about the program will be available on the program website accessible through the following links: <https://dunbartoncommunitypower.com/> or <https://ecmpower.com/communities/Dunbarton/>.

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