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Nashua is emerging as a regional leader in renewable energy, with **1,088 registered solar facilities** now active across the city, as of January 2026. This decentralized network, composed mostly of residential rooftop installations, accounts for **36,612 solar panels**. Together, these homes, and other facilities, function as a massive distributed energy network, generating approximately **17.5 million kWh of clean electricity annually**—an output equivalent to **preventing the burning of 13.6 million pounds of coal every year**.

The financial impact of this solar surge is

1,088 ROOFS, ONE GREENER CITY



a major win for local homeowners, who are collectively **saving an estimated \$4 million annually** in electricity costs. By generating their own power, these residents are effectively locking in their energy rates for decades, creating a powerful hedge against the rising costs of traditional utility bills. These savings are further supported by New Hampshire’s net metering policies, which allow participants to earn valuable credits for the excess energy they share back with the local grid.

Beyond individual savings, Nashua’s solar network strengthens the community’s infrastructure by producing power exactly where it is used. This local generation reduces strain on the broader electrical grid during peak summer afternoons, ensuring a more resilient and sustainable future for all residents. As the city continues to integrate solar into municipal buildings and schools, these 1,088 pioneering households serve as a successful blueprint for Nashua’s long-term energy independence.

Nashua Community Power Spring–Summer 2026 Rates and Customer Choice

| Community Power Supply Rates Effective Feb. 1 – July 31, 2026 | | | |
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| For Eversource Residential Customers | | | |
| Power Options | Renewable Content [†] | Rate (¢/kWh) | Estimated Cost of Supply per Month* |
| Clean 100 | 100% | 17.663¢ | ~ \$115/month |
| Clean 50 | 50% | 15.763¢ | ~ \$102/month |
| Granite Plus | 33% | 15.063¢ | ~ \$98/month |
| Granite Basic | 25.2% [†] | 14.663¢ | ~ \$95/month |

| Community Power Supply Rates Effective Aug. 1st, 2025 – Jan. 31, 2026 | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------------|
| For Eversource Residential Customers | | | |
| Power Options | Renewable Content [†] | Rate (¢/kWh) | Estimated Cost of Supply per Month* |
| Clean 100 | 100% | 16.819¢ | ~ \$109/month |
| Clean 50 | 50% | 14.819¢ | ~ \$96/month |
| Granite Plus | 33% | 14.119¢ | ~ \$92/month |
| Granite Basic | 25.2% [†] | 13.419¢ | ~ \$87/month |

[†] Minimum renewable content is compliant with NH's Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), RSA 362-F. Total renewable content includes the NH RPS prior to NH Dept. of Energy administrative reductions to minimum requirements due to shortage of qualifying biomass generation.

* Based on usage of 650 kWh per month

Nashua Community Power has announced its electricity supply rates for the February–July 2026 rate period. The default Granite Basic rate will be 14.663¢/kWh, with optional opt-up choices for customers who want higher levels of renewable or carbon-free energy, including 33 percent, 50 percent, or 100 percent clean energy options. During this same period, Eversource's proposed residential supply rate is 11.3¢/kWh. Customers who wish to switch suppliers may opt out of Nashua Community Power any time by visiting communitypowernh.gov/community/nashua or by calling 1-866-603-7697. Opting out simply returns customers to Eversource supply and does not affect electric service reliability.

Since launch, Nashua Community Power has delivered significant savings for the community, approximately \$4.5 million in 2023 and \$2.3 million in 2024, while giving residents meaningful choice over where their electricity comes from. Community Power programs are designed to empower customers with transparent options, help residents better understand their electric supply choices, and keep decision making local.

Nashua Community Power

Did You Know?

Nashua's single-storm snowfall record was set during the legendary "100-Hour Snowstorm" of February 1969, which buried the region under nearly 30 inches of snow. These massive snow events are becoming rarer because winter temperatures have risen more than 3°F since the early 20th century, causing more moisture to fall as rain or sleet instead of snow.

How to Have a Heartfelt & Earth-Friendly Valentine's Day

Celebrating Valentine's Day doesn't have to mean sacrificing your environmental values for the sake of tradition. By shifting your focus from mass-produced convenience to intentionality and quality, you can create a celebration that is both deeply personal and kind to the planet.

- **Prioritize Experiences over "Stuff":** Gift memories like a cooking class, concert tickets, or a nature hike to avoid the waste associated with physical trinkets and excess packaging.
- **Choose "Living" or Local Florals:** Swap imported, pesticide-heavy roses for a potted plant that lasts years, or buy seasonal, pesticide-free blooms from a local grower.
- **Dine Intentionally:** Opt for a home-cooked meal using seasonal, plant-forward ingredients from a farmer's market to reduce food waste and the carbon footprint of industrial logistics.
- **Source Fair-Trade Chocolates:** Choose high-quality cocoa with Fairtrade or Rainforest Alliance certifications. These ensure your sweets aren't linked to deforestation or unethical labor, providing a treat that's as kind as it is delicious.



Keep your eyes on the curb... 



... the revolution is rolling in soon!

Nashua Public Employees Shift Gears Toward Electric Transport



The City of Nashua and Nashua School District are seeing a spark of change in employee habits. According to their 2025 Employee Commute Survey, the number of staff members driving electric vehicles (EVs) to work has jumped from just 2 in 2024 to 9 in 2025. While this represents a small fraction of the roughly 3,800 total employees, this increase may signal a growing commitment among public servants to embrace sustainable transportation in the Gate City.

By ditching internal combustion engines, these employees are eliminating tailpipe emissions, which directly improves air quality. Furthermore, because electric motors are more energy-efficient and the regional power grid continues to integrate renewable sources, this transition helps reduce the city's overall carbon footprint. As Nashua continues to expand its charging infrastructure, these early adopters are paving the way for a quieter, cleaner, and more resilient urban environment.

Join the 4th Annual Nashua Sustainability Fair!



Our free, family-friendly event is back and better than ever. Bring your friends and family to learn, engage, and celebrate a greener future for Nashua on **Saturday, April 25, 2026** at the **Nashua Public Library!**

2026 Event Highlights:

- **Eco-Market:** Shop directly from local artisans and farmers offering sustainable goods.
- **Electric Vehicle Showcase:** Discover the future of clean transportation (or bring your own EV to show off!).
- **Soil Sample Testing:** Bring a soil sample from your yard to be screened for lead.

This year, we are especially excited to announce that our central theme is "**Sustainable Food.**" We'll be diving into how ways our community can reduce waste, support local food systems, and make choices that are healthy for both our bodies and the planet. Whether you're a seasoned gardener or just looking for tips on ethical grocery shopping, there will be something for everyone. Stay tuned, as more information on what to expect will be coming soon!

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Empower Nashua!

Coming Soon...

The City of Nashua is launching a new pilot Energy Coaching Program to help homeowners lower their energy bills, improve comfort, and take advantage of rebates and incentives. Participants will receive one-on-one support from an energy coach to identify home upgrades, connect with qualified contractors, and access available savings through NHSaves, federal programs, and New Nashua Community Power rebates.

Stay tuned for more details on how to apply and join our first group of Nashua homeowners taking the next step toward a more efficient and sustainable future!

More information will be shared in coming months.

[Check Back Here for More Information](#)