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Energy news from around Philadelphia and beyond



Energy Efficiency at The Energy Co-op!

The Energy Co-op is pleased to partner with the Energy Coordinating Agency (ECA) to offer Energy Efficiency Audits to our members! Starting on **December 1st**, Energy Co-op renewable electricity and RNG members will be eligible to register for a comprehensive audit of the energy consumption and equipment in their homes in order to cut costs and use energy more efficiently. A special discounted fee will be available throughout the winter.

The Energy Co-op has chosen to provide this program not only to benefit our members through cost savings and decreased energy waste, but also to benefit the Philadelphia community through a partnership with ECA. ECA's Knight Green Jobs Training Center credentials young people, returning citizens, and the underemployed in clean energy and environmental remediation, opening pathways to opportunity.

Interested in learning more about energy efficiency? Read our [blog post](#)!

Keep an eye out for updates and instructions on how to enroll!

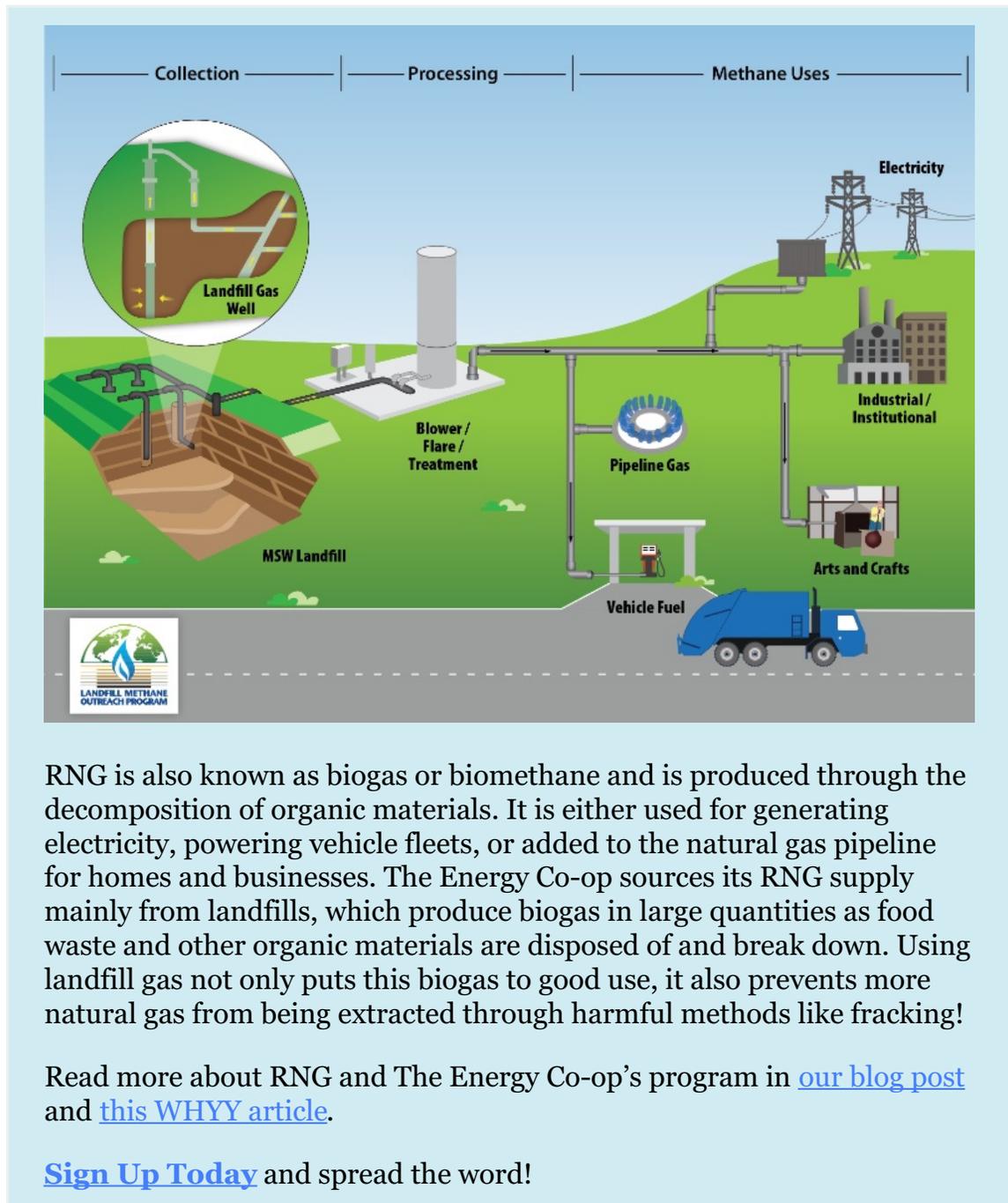
Choose Renewable Natural Gas

Many homes and businesses use natural gas for cooking or heating, and most of that gas is extracted through harmful methods like hydraulic fracturing or drilling. But did you know you can choose to source your natural gas from a renewable source?

The Energy Co-op offers renewable natural gas (RNG) in both the PECO and

PGW service territories. RNG is more energy efficient and sustainable than natural gas from conventional sources, and switching to our RNG product is quick, easy, and will not interrupt your current service.

What is Renewable Natural Gas?



RNG is also known as biogas or biomethane and is produced through the decomposition of organic materials. It is either used for generating electricity, powering vehicle fleets, or added to the natural gas pipeline for homes and businesses. The Energy Co-op sources its RNG supply mainly from landfills, which produce biogas in large quantities as food waste and other organic materials are disposed of and break down. Using landfill gas not only puts this biogas to good use, it also prevents more natural gas from being extracted through harmful methods like fracking!

Read more about RNG and The Energy Co-op's program in [our blog post](#) and [this WHYY article](#).

[Sign Up Today](#) and spread the word!



40th Anniversary Celebration: Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who attended our 40th Anniversary Celebration! We had a wonderful time amongst members and friends celebrating 40 years of energy innovation. Special thanks to our generous sponsors [Customized Energy Solutions](#), [Loving Hand Home Care](#), [Provident Technology](#), The Fernands Family, Sheree Petrone & Bill Jimick, Susan Legros, and Carin Carlson & Ronald Fisher. And congratulations once again to our founder and honoree, Weavers Way and its general manager Jon Roesser.

How Green Is Your Neighbor's Green Electricity?

When you purchase your electricity from The Energy Co-op, your dollars go toward 99% wind and 1% solar energy--which adds up to 100% renewable. And that is all we supply--100% renewable!

But what about your friends, family, and neighbors? You may know people who source clean energy from other suppliers, but is that energy 100% clean?

Choosing to purchase renewable electricity is an impactful decision to move towards lowering your carbon footprint and supporting energy innovation. But because there are so many renewable electricity suppliers to choose from in Pennsylvania, it can be difficult to keep track of whether your dollars are supporting 100% renewables, or instead going to a company that sells more brown energy than green. The fact is, many clean electricity suppliers are large, fossil-fuel generators in disguise. Don't be fooled by words like "green" in their corporate names. Look behind the curtain and you may find a vertically integrated, multinational corporate parent or affiliate that generates over 50 times as much electricity from fossil fuels as from wind or solar. Sure, those companies own renewable facilities too. But if they mostly own and operate fossil-fueled power plants, or are investing in natural gas-fired plants or other fossil fuel powered projects, how many of your green dollars wind up invested in that kind of facility?

Make sure your neighbors know to do their research! And, if you refer them to The Energy Co-op's clean electricity products, there might be a \$25 referral reward in your future...

Learn more about choosing an energy supplier [here](#) and sign up for our renewable electricity products [here](#)!



The Energy Co-op on Planet Philadelphia

The Energy Co-op's Executive Director Ronald Fisher and Weavers Way General Manager Jon Roesser discuss renewable energy, sustainable food practices, and the benefits and challenges of the cooperative model with Planet Philadelphia's Kay Wood on G-Town Radio.

[Listen here.](#)

Our Newest Blog Posts

[How Energy Efficiency Impacts You, and What You Can Do About It](#)--Read about why energy efficiency can be a powerful tool in saving both your money and the planet.

[Renewable Natural Gas Debuts in Philadelphia](#)--Learn where renewable natural gas comes from and why it is a more efficient, more sustainable, and cleaner alternative to conventional natural gas .

Happy Holidays
FROM THE ENERGY CO-OP

***The Energy Co-op wishes you and your loved ones
a happy and warm holiday season!***



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