1. Starting in August, Arlington residents will benefit from a Community Choice Aggregation electricity program. The program is a way for Arlington to get more renewable energy into its our electricity, and provide us with stable and competitive electricity prices.
2. We will have 17% local (MA Class 1 as defined by our state renewable energy law, which means it is new since 1997) renewable energy in our electricity. The rest of the state has 12% (by law).
3. Such a program has the following benefits:

* *Taking action against climate change*
* *Supporting our local energy economy*
* *Potential savings on electricity*
* *Local control of our electricity rates – as opposed to the state gov’t and Eversource controlling it*
* *Price stability – we lock in a price for 1-3 years*
* *Protecting citizens from deceptive marketing practices of competitive electricity suppliers by providing a VETTED electricity choice option*
* *No cost to the Town, or increase in taxes for residents*

1. Other communities are doing it successfully.

10 communities including Arlington are now implementing similar CCA plans, including Somerville, Brookline, Winchester, Gloucester, and Sudbury.

Two municipalities began similar plans last year – Melrose and Dedham. Both have seen success both in terms of savings and impact for renewable energy.

1. In August, residents will be transparently opted into the new price automatically.

\*unless they have already chosen their own competitive supplier. Then, they will be given the option to OPT IN—but beware, before doing so check with your supplier about any cancellation penalty.

1. Residents’ electricity bills will continue to come from Eversource, but the Arlington price would show up under the “Supply” Section of the bill.
2. Residents can opt out at any time. You will receive a letter from the Town giving you the option to opt out (Town letter mailed the week of June 12th).
3. Residents can CHOOSE to pay a little bit more for an even greener electricity supply! Instead of 17%, you can choose 50 or 100%. The Town letter will include pricing so you can see the price difference. You can also find the price chart on our website, sustainablearlington.org/cca.
4. Most households will pay about $7-15 more per month when opting UP.
5. Because it is a greater step to protect our children & grandchildren from the threat of climate change, Mothers Out Front recommends opting UP if you can afford it.
6. In order to opt up, you must call Dynergy, the Town’s CCA electricity supplier, at . Request to opt up to one of Arlington’s Premium options:

* Arlington Premium 50% Local Green
* or Arlington Premium 100% Local Green

1. Please PLEDGE to opt UP now, and we’ll send you a reminder to call the supplier and opt up!
2. If you are a Mass Energy member, opting UP will be cheaper. Mass Energy is encouraging Arlington members to pause their Mass Energy accounts and OPT up to Arlington Premium Local Green.
3. If you have further questions please visit:

sustainablearlington.org/cca

arlingtoncca.com

or email us at [arlingtonmothers@gmail.com](mailto:arlingtonmothers@gmail.com)

1. Please help us spread the word! Find an outreach kit at [www.sustainablearlington.org/cca](http://www.sustainablearlington.org/cca).