

# MGE Renewable Energy Programs

## (For Madison Gas and Electric Customers Only)

### Before you go green

If you want to do your part to help our environment, what are your options? Before making the considerable investment to purchase and install a renewable energy system for your home or business, MGE recommends the following.

1. Improve energy efficiency. The greenest energy is that which isn't generated in the first place. Visit [mge.com/saveenergy](http://mge.com/saveenergy) to learn things you can do to make your home and lifestyle more energy efficient.
2. Evaluate your site. Wind turbines need adequate wind speeds to generate power. Solar systems need clear access to south orientation. Too many trees or neighboring buildings can be a problem. Various building and safety codes apply as well.
3. Investigate available options and consult with experts. Visit [mge.com/myrenewables](http://mge.com/myrenewables) and explore the resources from Focus on Energy and the Department of Energy linked on that page.
4. Work with experienced contractors. Focus on Energy can provide a list of contractors in our area.

### MGE renewable rates

MGE offers customers three rate options to help make supporting renewable energy more affordable.

- Buy green energy from MGE through Green Power Tomorrow.
- Sell MGE just the excess electricity you produce beyond what you use from your solar, wind or other renewable energy system through our customer-owned generation rate.

### Green Power Tomorrow

The easiest and least expensive way to support renewable energy is to purchase green power from MGE each month. You can choose to purchase all or a portion of your electricity from renewable energy sources to offset the carbon dioxide generated from the electricity you use. Choose one of the following options:

- The percent of your energy use you specify (1% to 100%), billed at \$0.025\* extra per kWh.
- A fixed amount you choose (\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20), not to exceed your actual energy use each month.\*

See [mge.com/greenpower](http://mge.com/greenpower) for more details and to sign up, or call MGE's Home Energy Line at (608) 252-7117.

### Customer-owned Parallel Generation Rate

When you are generating more power than you are using, your meter spins backwards. At the end of the month, we will pay you if your meter reading is less than the month before, or bill you if it shows you used more electricity than you generated. The rate we pay for your power is the same as the rate you usually pay for MGE power. See [mge.com/customerregen](http://mge.com/customerregen), e-mail [jford@mge.com](mailto:jford@mge.com), or call Jeff Ford at (608) 252-7387 for details.

*\*This cost reflects the Green Power Tomorrow rate effective Jan. 13, 2011. We will notify you in advance if the cost changes. You may change your participation level at any time.*