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(Photo: Sun Prairie Utilities Main St. operations facility.)

Sun Prairie Named National Leader in Renewable Energy

SUN PRAIRIE, (Wis.) — The Department of Energy National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL) ranked Sun Prairie in the top 15 communities throughout the country for its engagement in renewable energy programs.

NREL evaluated the renewable energy efforts of utilities in four categories and released lists of the top 15 utilities across the nation. NREL's list for Green Power Participation Rates measures the percentage of customers who participated in a utility's renewable or "green" energy programs.

Sun Prairie Utilities ranks 11th in the nation for its Green Power Sales Rate of 3.61% in 2023.

"Sun Prairie residents are receiving much deserved national attention when it comes to renewable energy," said Utility Manager Rick Wicklund. "It's exciting to have so many people invested in reducing carbon emissions."

One of the utility's most popular offerings, [Choose Renewable](#), helped the community obtain this recognition. The program allows customers to sign up to increase their monthly bill by a few dollars, ensuring their homes are powered by the renewable energy sources of solar, wind, and biogas. A typical home can run on clean energy with the purchase of two to three 300 kilowatt-hour (kWh) blocks, each costing \$2 per month.

Customers interested in participating in the Choose Renewable program are encouraged to contact the utility to sign up.

WPPI Energy is the wholesale power provider for Sun Prairie Utilities and has a target goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050.

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