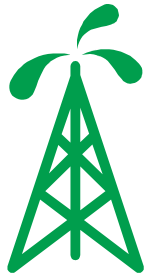


Where Does Energy Come From?

Renewable vs. Non-Renewable

Non-Renewable Energy

Non-renewable energy sources, such as oil, coal and natural gas, were formed from prehistoric plants and animals that lived millions of years ago. This is why they are known as fossil fuels. These energy sources will eventually be used up, or they will be too expensive or harmful to the environment to use.



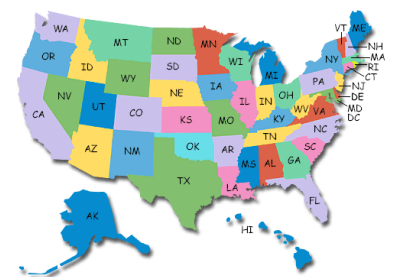
Renewable Energy

Renewable energy uses the earth's resources like the sun, wind, rain, water and plants to make energy. These natural resources will not go away and will allow us to create energy without harming the environment.

How Does This Affect Me?

The United States gets 94% of its energy from non-renewable sources. With your help, we can reduce our country's dependence on non-renewable energy and begin using more renewable energy.

This is important because less burning of fossil fuels also means lower emissions of carbon dioxide (CO₂), the primary contributor to global warming, and other pollutants.



You may think, "Can I really make a difference?"

The answer is "Yes!" The average American produces about 40,000 pounds of CO₂ emissions per year. Together, we use nearly a million dollars' worth of energy every minute, every day of the year.

By taking just a few simple steps, you and your family can cut your annual emissions by thousands of pounds and your energy bills by a significant amount!

