



Is renewable energy right for you?

Renewable energy sources can help you save money on your energy bills.

However, a renewable energy system is an investment that should be carefully considered and assessed.

The Energy Education Council has compiled a list of renewable energy installation questions that you first need to be able to answer yourself as well as those you should address with professionals (installers/contractors, insurance agents, and your utility) before committing to a renewable energy system.

Just a few of these questions are:

- What are my energy goals?
- What is my current energy usage?
- What percentage of my energy needs would I like to supply with renewable sources?
- Would a geothermal, wind, solar photovoltaic or solar thermal system be possible/logical for my location and intended use?
- Do I need to get a permit?
- What are the maintenance costs? Can I do them myself, or do I have to hire someone?
- How much energy will the system save me annually?

Go to <http://energyeducationcouncil.org/checklist.pdf> to get the full list of questions and tips that will help you see if a renewable energy system is right for you.

