

Green Tip of the Month

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HSPH is powered by WIND!



Did you know that HSPH purchased

renewable energy

to offset **50%** of campus electricity use
for the 3rd year in a row?

This is the largest renewable energy investment of any of the Harvard Schools, and amounts to **8,000,000 kWh of wind power** this year:

- reducing greenhouse gas emissions by **5,550 tons CO₂**
- equivalent to the electricity use of **750 average homes** for a year

Why is this so important?

According to the EPA, the production of electricity from fossil fuels is the largest source of industrial air pollution in the United States. And here on the Longwood Campus electricity use accounts for **38% of campus greenhouse gas emissions**. By buying renewable energy certificates (RECs), HSPH is supporting the development of new wind power in the US.

You can buy renewable energy. A few places to start:

- **Mass Technology Collaborative Renewable Energy Trust** offers the Clean Energy Choice Program to help consumers purchase renewable energy <http://www.mtpc.org/CleanEnergyOrg/index.htm>
- **Sterling Planet** (the company HSPH bought their green power from) offers individual purchases as well <http://www.sterlingplanet.com/buyGreenAmerica.php>