



Our Picks for the Top Ten Web Sites For Energy News

In the past few years the amount of information that is available about energy-related issues has increased rapidly. Despite widespread interest in the subject, concerned citizens seeking news on energy matters and ways to control costs are instead met with an innumerable amount of web sites that can make finding answers to simple energy related questions a time-consuming task. The following sites are our picks for the top ten.

<http://www.ct-energyinfo.com>

CTENERGYINFO was developed by the Connecticut Department of Public Utility Control (DPUC) in conjunction with The Institute for Sustainable Energy to assist Connecticut consumers in locating information about energy related matters and help them identify strategies that can be employed to lower energy consumption and cost. This portal site covers topics including the Connecticut's Energy Efficiency Partners Program, "Green" Building Standards, Educational Programs, Clean Energy Options, Restructuring, Energy Assistance, Environmental Issues and more. An excellent resource for in-state programs.

<http://www.ctcleanenergy.com>

The Clean Energy Fund was established to promote clean and renewable energy use in Connecticut. This site contains information on clean and renewable energy sources, current and previous Connecticut investments, and how to apply for funding.

<http://www.onethingct.com>

One Thing, created by Governor Rell, is part of a widespread initiative aimed at creating measurable ways to reduce the cost of energy for consumers and businesses, strengthen state energy policy over the long and short term, and reaffirm Connecticut's position as a leader in renewable energy. This colorful web site is filled with energy

saving tips and attitude changing ideas. *One Thing* is managed under the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM).

<http://www.ase.org>

Alliance to Save Energy is a nonprofit coalition of business, government, environmental and consumer leaders that undertakes research, educational programs, and policy advocacy. This site offers an especially good listing of no-cost and low-cost tips for saving money and energy.

<http://www.dsireusa.org>

The Database of State Incentives for Renewable Energy is a comprehensive source of information on state, local, utility and selected federal incentives that promote energy efficiency and renewable energy.

<http://www.aceee.org>

American Council for an Energy Efficient Economy is a nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing energy efficiency as a means of promoting both economic prosperity and environmental protection.

<http://hes.lbl.gov>

The *Home Energy Saver* is a web-based energy audit tool designed to help consumers identify the best ways to save energy in their homes and find the resources to take advantage of cost savings. This project is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and is part of the national Energy Star program for improving energy efficiency in the home.

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<http://www.sustainenergy.org>

The Institute for Sustainable Energy at Eastern Connecticut State University was established to identify, develop, and implement the means for achieving a sustainable energy future for Connecticut. The ISE web site provides information on energy education, energy policy, energy efficiency, renewable energy, and protection of environmental resources.

<http://www.ctgbc.org>

The Connecticut Green Building Council (CTGBC) is a chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council which provides education about the design and construction of high performance, energy efficient buildings, along with information about the LEED rating system and "green" building resources in Connecticut.

<http://www.energy.gov>

U.S. Department of Energy's web site which provides a comprehensive list of energy-related topics.