

EnergyCloud Ireland

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Metric	Value	Source
Days since Programme for Government commitment to use surplus renewable energy to help those in fuel poverty	601 (to 15 September 2026)	 Programme for Government January 2025
Renewable energy wasted	2,576 GWh	 EirGrid * to 31 August 2026
Approximate retail value of wasted renewable wind energy since the commitment in the Programme for Government	€989 million	 Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland numbers Q3 2026 (38.4 cent)
Equivalent tanks of hot water heated	834 million	 EnergyCloud average 3 kWh/tank
Average waste per day (€)	€1,687,713	Calculated to 31 August 2026

While we await the recommendations of the NEAT (National Energy Affordability Taskforce) for this year's budget, EnergyCloud continue to show what is possible. We are demonstrating every day across Ireland that when there is waste in the system it is possible to use that as a signal to heat people's homes and water for free and we are **helping over 3,000 people every month** reduce their energy bills.

According to the ESRI energy poverty could be eliminated with a targeted approach at a cost of €370 million per annum. Given we are wasting over €600 million in wind energy this year, it seems that we could use some of this waste to fund this.

In Budget 2027 the Government has the opportunity to **announce a desire to begin using the waste**, as per its commitment in the Programme for Government and to begin the process of **eliminating energy poverty and tackling the affordability crisis with targeted energy credits**.

If not now, then when?

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Ireland's Wasted Clean Energy Report is EnergyCloud's monthly, data-driven assessment of the renewable energy that is dispatched down and lost from the national system.

Drawing on official EirGrid and SEAI (or Selectra) data, the report tracks the volume, value, and social impact of this wasted clean energy, highlighting how much of it could instead be used to provide hot water and essential home energy to households in need.

By presenting clear, consistent, and transparent monthly metrics, this flagship publication aims to inform policymakers, support public debate, and ensure that Ireland's renewable energy wealth delivers real benefits for families experiencing energy poverty.

This monthly report seeks to put those in energy poverty at the centre of Ireland's renewable energy transition.

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