

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	638 (to 22 October 2026)	 Programme for Government January 2025
Renewable energy wasted	2,841 GWh	 EirGrid * to 30 September 2026
Approximate retail value of wasted renewable wind energy since the commitment in the Programme for Government	€1.091 billion	 Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland numbers Q3 2026 (38.4 cent)
Equivalent tanks of hot water heated	920 million	 EnergyCloud average 3 kWh/tank
Average waste per day (€)	€1,771,103	Calculated to 30 September 2026

September 2026 marked an appalling milestone, as we have now surpassed **€1 billion in wasted renewable wind energy** since the Government came to power in January 2025. Despite the Government committing in the Programme for Government to use surplus renewable energy, that would otherwise be wasted, to help those in energy poverty, to date there has been no action.

Budget 2027, announced earlier this month, did nothing to reduce energy bills for the 550,000 homes in energy poverty, in fact we know that the bills will continue to rise.

The ESRI recently published that for a cost of €370 million a year energy poverty could be eliminated. Given the scandalous levels of waste that exist, and the €1.2 billion committed to fuel excise cuts, it is now **clearly a policy choice to leave energy bills high** for everyone, including those in energy poverty.

By announcing a desire to tackle energy poverty and use the waste that is available the Government could put in place a permanent and sustainable solution to energy poverty. We urge them to do this without further delay.

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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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