Here at Texas Parks and Wildlife we’re catching the sun’s rays and harnessing their energy to power parks and fisheries across the state and help conserve our natural resources.

**Why Switch to Solar?**

- **Solar energy doesn’t pollute the air we breathe or the water we drink, making it a safer alternative for people and wildlife.**
- **Installing solar panels gives you more control over your utility costs by allowing you to produce your own electricity.**
- **The sun is the ultimate renewable resource. No matter how much solar energy we use, there’s always more available.**

**How It All Works**

The solar panel’s cells absorb the sun’s energy and convert it into electricity. This electricity flows into the inverter, which changes it into a form we can use in our homes and businesses.

While solar meets some of our energy needs, we still purchase additional electricity from power companies in order to meet all our energy needs.

- **The two sources of electricity combine to power our lights, computers and other electronics, letting us do business with less impact on the environment.**
- **The sun is the ultimate renewable resource. No matter how much solar energy we use, there’s always more available.**

**A Brighter Future**

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is raising awareness of solar power and other alternative energy sources as part of our mission to protect and conserve Texas’s precious natural resources. This statewide initiative was funded in part by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Grant.

To learn more about this initiative go to [www.txparks.state.tx.us/solar](http://www.txparks.state.tx.us/solar)