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UK could get free electricity on sunny weekends – 16th April 2026

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People in the UK could get free electricity this summer. Power companies can generate more than enough energy on sunny days. They do not want to waste it. In summer, they can use solar panels more. Energy companies say people could use washing machines and charge their electric cars for free when the sun is shining.

The idea for free power came from an energy operator. It is responsible for creating energy today, and for reaching carbon zero. It explained that it would reward people for "flexible electricity use". The company National Gas believes there could be free electricity this summer even if there is war in the Middle East.

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People in the UK could get free electricity this summer because power companies have too much energy. They can generate more than enough energy on sunny days. They do not want to waste it. In summer, there is more electricity from solar panels. Energy suppliers say people could use electrical goods like washing machines and dishwashers and charge electric cars for free when the sun is shining.

The idea for free power came from the UK's National Energy System Operator (NESO). It is responsible for "delivering the energy of today and the future" and for reaching carbon zero. NESO explained what was good about its new idea. It said it would "reward consumers and businesses for flexible electricity use". A spokesman from National Gas believes there could be free electricity this summer even if there is war in the Middle East.

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People in the UK could get free electricity this summer. This is because power companies will have too much energy. They do not want to waste it. In summer, people use less electricity. There is also more energy from solar panels. Power companies say they can generate more than enough energy on sunny days. This means electricity companies could allow houses and businesses to use electricity for free. Energy suppliers say people could use appliances like washing machines or dishwashers and charge electric vehicles at no cost when the sun is shining.

The idea for cut-price or free power came from the UK's National Energy System Operator. It is "responsible for planning and delivering the energy of today and the future". It says it will "deliver what is needed to reach a zero-carbon future". A spokeswoman explained what was good about the new idea. She said it would "reward consumers and businesses for flexible electricity use". A spokesman from National Gas believes there could be free electricity this summer even if the Middle East is at war. He said the UK energy market is able to meet demand.

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People in the UK could get discounted or even free electricity this summer. This is because energy companies may have too much energy. They do not want to waste it. In summer, people use less electricity because they turn on lights less. There is also more energy coming from solar panels. Power companies say that on sunny days, "weather conditions result in excess supply". This means electricity companies could allow houses and businesses to use electricity for free on sunny weekends. Energy suppliers say households could use appliances like washing machines or dishwashers and charge electric vehicles at no cost during periods of excess supply.

The idea for cut-price or free power came from the National Energy System Operator (NESO). Its website says it is "responsible for planning and delivering the energy of today and the future". The operator also says it will "deliver what is needed to reach a zero-carbon future". A NESO spokeswoman explained the benefits of the new idea. She said it would "not only reward consumers and businesses for flexible electricity use," but also make Great Britain's electricity network stronger and more efficient. A spokesman from National Gas believes there could be free summer power even with the war in the Middle East. He said: "The market has the capacity to deliver sufficient supply."