

What is sustainable energy?

Many people may be familiar with the term “sustainable energy,” but not everyone may be aware of what that term implies. According to Energy Alabama, sustainable energy is energy that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

Inexhaustible, sustainable energy sources cannot be used up or depleted. Widely known sources of sustainable energy include solar, wind and water, but there are other sources as well.

Bioenergy, the process of creating energy from biological masses such as manure and other agricultural byproducts, is one such sustainable energy source. Geothermal energy is another sustainable energy source, and that refers to energy gained from the planet’s internal energy sources.

An increased focus on sustainable

energy sources is a byproduct of warnings from environmentalists and researchers alike that suggest traditional sources of energy, including coal and natural gas, will not be available to future generations. By finding and supporting sustainable solutions now, scientists and consumers can protect and provide for future generations.

Energy Alabama notes that another advantage to sustainable energy sources is they do not produce greenhouse gases or pollutants, further protecting the planet and ensuring future generations will have a healthy planet to call home.

Building a hydroponic garden

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Greentrees Hydroponics says the growth rate for a hydroponic plant can be 30 to 50 percent faster than a soil plant grown under

the same conditions. Environmentalists tout that hydroponic gardening is also beneficial to the environment because the plants require considerably less water than those produced with soil gardening and require fewer pesticides or other amendments to thrive.

Hobbyists looking to dabble in hydroponics can find many different hydroponic systems on the market today, in an array of prices and sizes. Wicking, ebb and flow, aeroponics, nutrient film, and deepwater culture are different hydroponic systems, each with their own advantages. Once gardeners get the knack of hydroponics, they may not want to turn back to traditional soil gardening again.





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