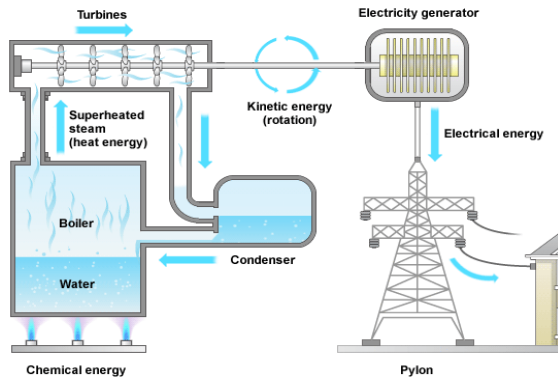


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Energy Types

1. Fossil Fuels – Non-renewable energy

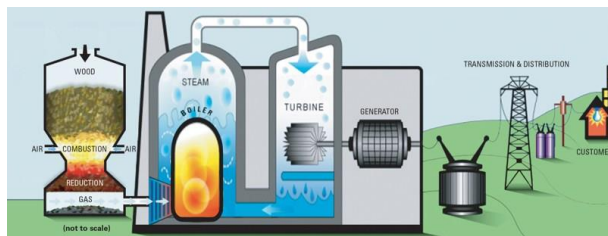


In a thermal power station fuel such as coal, oil or gas is burned in a furnace to produce heat - chemical to heat energy.

- this heat is used to change water into steam in the boiler.
- the steam drives the turbine - heat to kinetic energy
- this drives the generator to produce electricity - kinetic to electrical energy.

Some experts believe that fossil fuels will run out in our lifetime.

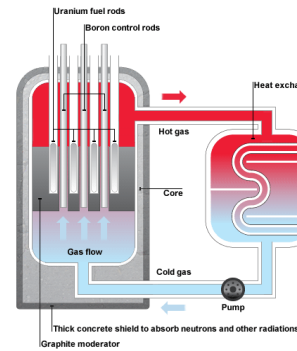
Energy Types 2. Biomass Energy –Renewable Energy



Biomass is an industry term for getting energy by burning wood, and other organic matter. Burning biomass releases carbon emissions, but has been classed as a renewable energy source in the EU and UN legal frameworks, because plant stocks can be replaced with new growth.

Energy Types

3. Nuclear Energy – Renewable energy



The main nuclear fuels are **uranium** and **plutonium**. In a nuclear power station nuclear fuel undergoes a controlled chain reaction in the reactor to produce heat - nuclear to heat energy.

- heat is used to change water into steam in the boiler.
- the steam drives the turbine (heat to kinetic energy)
- this drives the generator to produce electricity - kinetic to electrical energy.

Energy Types

8. Batteries

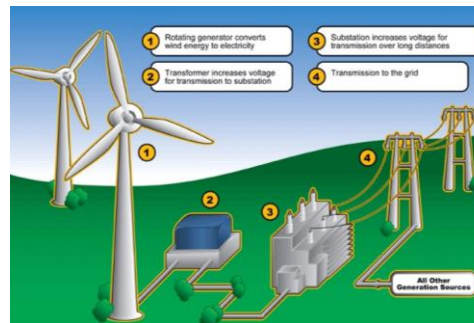
Alkaline batteries are the most common type of domestic batteries, they are disposable but contain chemicals that are bad for the environment.

Fortunately more and more battery recycling banks are appearing now where most of the battery can be reused.

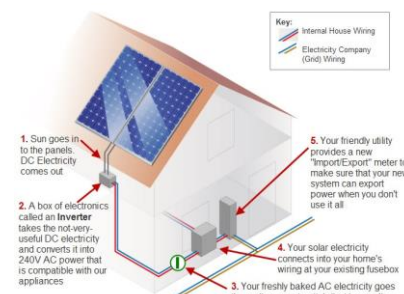
Rechargeable batteries are better for the environment and more economical in the long run (High initial purchase price). Their lifespan decreases with every charge.

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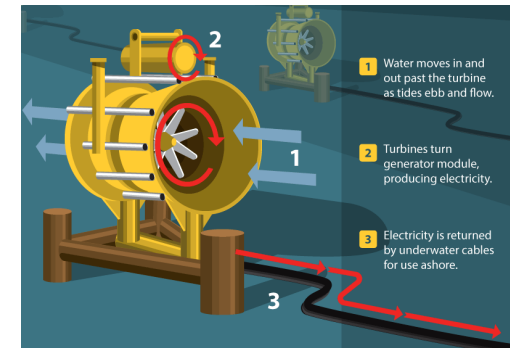
4. Wind Energy – Renewable Energy



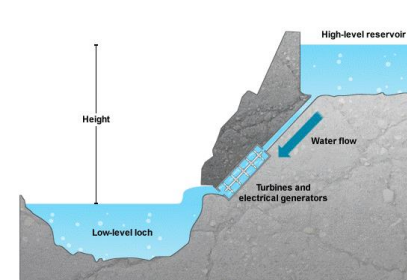
5. Solar Energy – Renewable Energy



6. Tidal Energy – Renewable Energy



7. Hydroelectricity – Renewable Energy



- In a hydroelectric power station water is stored behind a dam in a reservoir. This water has gravitational potential energy.
- The water runs down pipes (potential to kinetic energy) to turn the turbine
- The turbine is connected to a generator to produce electricity (kinetic to electrical energy).