

Imagine heating your home without relying on the local power plant. I love the fact that they are learning how to take care of the earth while, at the same time, learning to be self-sufficient." Wendy admits that living off the grid has its difficulties. For example, the Johnstons' power usually goes down a few times a year. However, Wendy reflects, "The funny thing is that these often turn out to be some of our best times as a family. This view is shared by Wendy Johnston, a mother of three, living off the grid with her family in Ontario, Canada. Wendy recalls, 'in the house I grew up in we would leave lights on all day, the thermostat up at night, and water running without a second thought. Wouldn't it feel good to meet your need for electricity without harming the environment? Out of concern for the environment and a desire for self-reliance, these people have made the bold decision to live off the grid. What exactly is the grid? I wanted my children to be raised with more respect for the environment and an awareness of the impact that they have on it. My children don't take energy for granted. The power outages have an unexpected way of bringing us closer together. For a growing number of people, these ideas have become reality