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## Rubbish powers the Dome



Rainwater from the dome's roof will also be recycled

Electricity powering the Millennium Dome is being supplied by sewage and household rubbish, it has been revealed.

The environmentally-friendly power - known as Ecotricity - comes as the result of a partnership between the Renewable Energy Company and Thames Water.

The sewage and rubbish are burnt at a special plant to generate the electricity for the £758m dome in Greenwich, south London.

Gregor Harvie, technical manager of dome organisers, the New Millennium Experience Company, said: "We are very pleased that the dome will be running on electricity drawn from sustainable energy sources."

NMEC has already announced a number of green measures, including the use of rainwater from the dome's roof to flush toilets at the site.

Rubbish from the expected 35,000 daily visitors will also be re-used or recycled.

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And a new wildlife habitat, including six acres of new wetlands and a wild flower meadow, has been created in the area.

### **One million tickets**

The government insisted last month that the dome would be finished on time.

It says one million tickets have already been sold.

Later this week, however, BBC Two viewers will see the dome's former champion, cabinet minister Peter Mandelson, fretting about its prospects.

In the fly-on-the-wall series *The Dome: Trouble at the Big Top*, Mr Mandelson - now Northern Ireland Secretary - will be seen saying he only took charge of the building because he was "told to".

Other scenes will show him asking schoolchildren to help "save" his career by coming up with ideas.

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