

# NTREG Yahoo Conversation Group Rules & Guidelines

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## What is a Yahoo Group and How Does it Work?

Yahoo Groups are simply a way to communicate with others, usually with the same interests.

A Yahoo Group is not a "chat room". After you join a group, you then 'post' messages. If the Group is "moderated" (most are), messages must be approved by a moderator. Once a message is approved, it will show up on the message board, and will automatically be sent to members that elected to receive the posts via e-mail. Established members will generally have their messages set for "automatic" approval.

Our Group has rules and guidelines. Rules are firm. Guidelines are suggestions. Some of the rules may appear to be restrictive, but they're established to prevent abuse or misuse of the Group.

## Subscribing

Participation in the NTREG Yahoo Discussion Group is not mandatory to be a member of NTREG, but most people find it's an easy way to stay informed about meetings, events, and renewable energy issues. You may join or unsubscribe at any time. Your information will not be shared. Participation in our Yahoo Group does not convey membership in the North Texas Renewable Energy Group.

You are in full control of your Yahoo Group participation. You may select how often you receive our Group messages, and your desired message format. You may also unsubscribe at any time on your own. We do not make your e-mail address available to anyone. Period. See our "Privacy Policy" at the bottom of our "Donate to / Join Us" page for details. ( [www.ntreg.org/donatejoin.shtml](http://www.ntreg.org/donatejoin.shtml) )

There are two ways to join our discussion group.

#1: If you wish to use an e-mail account other than a Yahoo mail address, send a blank e-mail message to:

[NTREG-subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:NTREG-subscribe@yahoogroups.com)

#2: If you already have a Yahoo mail account, and wish to use it for receiving NTREG messages and meeting announcements, you may subscribe to our Yahoo Conversation Group very easily from the "Subscribe" section at the bottom of the NTREG website main page.

## Leaving/Unsubscribing Our Group

To Leave Our Group: On our Group's main page, click "Membership | Edit Membership". Click "Leave Group". Click "Leave". Leaving in this manner completely deletes you from our group.

<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/NTREG/info>

Unsubscribing from a group's mailing list stops all mail, but still allows you posting access if you go directly to our Group website. To unsubscribe from mail, send a blank message from your subscribed email address to "[NTREG-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:NTREG-unsubscribe@yahoogroups.com)"

You'll be sent a confirmation e-mail. Respond to the confirmation e-mail in order to unsubscribe. Note: If you don't see the confirmation email, it may have been delivered to your spam folder. Tip: If you're just overwhelmed by too many email messages, you can always change your email delivery preferences instead of leaving a group.

## NTREG Yahoo Group Rules and Guidelines

### RULES

1. No "flaming" or harassment of others. We're often dealing in and discussing topics of considerable disagreement. Is there such a thing as "Climate Change" taking place? Are humans responsible for it? People find arguments on both sides of this discussion, among many others.
2. Our "No harassment" policy includes ad hominem attacks. "Ad hominem" attacks are statements made that appeal to feelings or prejudices, rather than intellect. Everyone is entitled to their opinion. Please don't belittle others if their belief or opinion differs from yours. You are welcome to share a contrasting opinion, and please provide supportive information or basis for your opinion in the process.
3. No SPAM! Many spammers join groups in order to spam the members. For this reason, everyone who first joins our Yahoo Group will have their messages "moderated". Any posts made by newcomers will be individually approved before they'll be visible to or sent by e-mail to our other Group members.
4. No solicitation. "Solicitation" is the posting of a message in our Group encouraging our members to join or participate in another group or organization. We ask that all Conversation Group participants refrain from soliciting other Group members, encouraging and/or promoting participation in another group, company, or organization. To that point, we have many professional solar energy installers here, whom we know would love to post advertising. They too are bound by the same rules. If you wish to discuss "advertising" or promotional efforts with us, sponsorships are available. Contact a member of our Executive Committee for details.
5. No "cross-posting". Even if you have multiple subscriptions, you should only send your posts to "NTREG@YahooGroups.com". Please do not copy and paste information from other Groups. Instead, refer to a short summary in message, and include a link to the original information.
6. Copyrights. Please respect copyrighted material. Excerpts of text, articles, news, and others may be posted, but please avoid posting entire articles. Instead, post a short comment, and include a link to the original article.
7. Links. Website links may be included and are encouraged as long as the links have been checked prior to posting. Be aware that Yahoo often "breaks" long addresses, yielding them unusable.
8. No attachments. For the safety of our members, attachments to message posts are NOT permitted. If you have an attachment you'd like to send, please contact a moderator. Permission to post attachments to our Yahoo Group shall be at the discretion of the NTREG Yahoo Group moderators. Files instead may be uploaded to the "Files" or "Photos" section of our Yahoo Group website. Downloading files from our Group website is at the sole risk of the person doing the downloading.
9. No advertising. Please check with a moderator PRIOR to posting something for sale. Personal items are often permitted. Permission to post "for sale" items is granted on a case-by-case basis. Commercial sales, business-related sales, or anything giving the appearance of a business-level sale will generally not be allowed.
10. All decisions related to these rules rest with the NTREG Yahoo Group moderators. Anyone violating the rules of our Group may be permanently removed from the Group by a moderator.

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### **GUIDELINES**

1. Use an appropriate subject for your message. Summarize your post in the subject. Descriptive subjects get more attention.
2. Use discretion. Post prudently, and send private e-mails when appropriate. Our Yahoo Group is basically rated PG-13.
3. Set your e-mail program to submit "Inline Text". HTML or other formatting works very unreliably on Yahoo, and sometimes will not come through at all.
4. Please post your real name in your messages. Not required. Just polite.
5. "Trim" your posts. Not everyone has a light-speed Internet connection. Be polite and think about those folks that have to pay for every minute of bandwidth they use. If you don't know how to trim a message, it's the process of deleting unwanted text from the message before you send it. Search for your particular e-mail program, and learn how to "trim" messages on the 'net.
6. If you use "Out-of Office" responders, set your account for "No mail" a few days before you plan on being out.
7. Though this is a free country, and we have the Second Amendment, we ask that you avoid religious and other non-renewable commentary. This includes lines appended to signatures.

If you have any comments or questions about these policies, you are welcome and encouraged to contact any member of the North Texas Renewable Energy Group Executive Committee. They can put you in contact with the NTREG Yahoo Group moderators.

Links for the NTREG Executive Committee members are on the "Contact Us" page on our website:

[www.ntreg.org](http://www.ntreg.org)