

What is Community Solar?

The sun shines everywhere but only those with a good location for solar could take advantage until community solar came along.

Community solar makes it possible for anyone with an electricity bill to access solar energy, even if they can't put it where they live. These shared photovoltaic (PV) systems can be somewhere else in the community (a field, a building, a parking lot, and more) but provide the benefits of solar to participating subscribers, like you.

Interested in Subscribing?

Check out subscriptions in your area on our consumer-focused community solar subscription site.

Get information on cost, fees, cancellation policies, etc.

Choose what's right for you.

<http://cs.solarunitedneighbors.org>



HOW DO I SIGN UP?

1. Learn about the different projects in your area.

Subscription types may vary between different providers.

2. Carefully review offerings from providers to find the best fit for you and your energy needs.

3. Choose the subscription that's best for you and how much energy you want in your subscription.

4. Sign up directly with that provider.

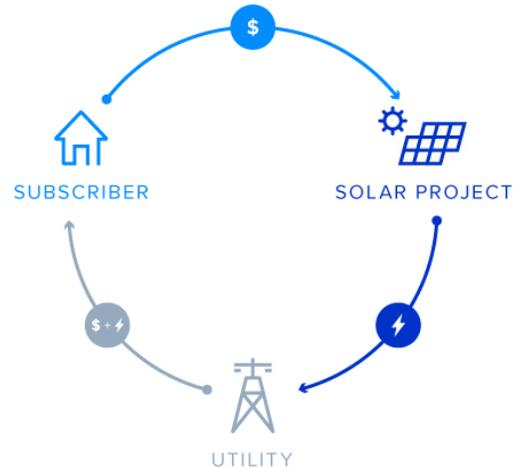
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How Community Solar works

1. Customers subscribe to a shared solar array
2. Subscribers pay the system operator** upfront or monthly for the electricity produced.
3. Subscribers receive credits off their utility bill for the amount of electricity generated by their share

** System operator can be a private company or a utility depending on the area



Benefits of community solar

Expands access to solar

Rooftop solar is an important part of the state's renewable energy economy but it is not available to everyone. Perhaps you live in an apartment, have a shaded roof, or don't have space where you are. Maybe you installed solar on your home already but want even more power from the sun. Community solar fills that gap and enables anyone with access to it to go solar. This includes:

- Renters
- Homeowners
- Businesses
- Non-profits
- Municipalities

Signing up to participate in a community solar project means buying clean, local, renewable, solar energy, as well as possibly reducing the cost your electricity. Any amount of solar energy you subscribe to will be credited to you on your electricity bill.

Local Impacts

You may have a choice of subscription options available to you. And, your subscription may provide other benefits like creating local jobs in the community or enabling participation by low-to-moderate income residents.