



# Can the community use solar energy to generate electricity

How does community solar work?

The local utility pays the community solar provider for the energy generated, and each subscriber receives a portion of the dollar value generated by their community solar subscription as a credit. Typically, this credit is applied directly to a subscriber's monthly electric bill, helping to reduce customers' electricity costs. Why Community Solar?

Should I subscribe to a community solar project?

If you want to power your home with clean energy and lower your electricity bills, but live in an apartment or multifamily home, don't own your roof, or your roof isn't suitable for a solar energy system, you can subscribe to a community solar project.

What are the benefits of community solar?

Community solar can allow all households and businesses to access the benefits of solar energy, such as lower electricity costs, regardless of whether they're able to host a system on their own roof. And, in areas where solar power is less expensive than fossil-generated electricity (most places), consumers can save money on their monthly bills.

Why do communities want a community solar project?

Communities may be interested in a community solar project for a variety of reasons, including wanting to reduce pollution in their community, wanting more control over their energy sources, wanting to participate in the financial benefits of clean energy, and/or wanting more jobs or economic development through locally sited clean energy.

Does a community solar project save money?

If the credit per kilowatt-hour from the utility is higher than the price per kilowatt-hour of the community solar subscription, the subscriber saves money on their electricity costs. A community solar project is not located at the house or business where the subscribers use electricity.

What is community solar?

Community solar provides households, businesses, and other energy users the opportunity to subscribe to a solar array in their community and allows for more equitable access to the benefits of clean energy, especially for households and businesses that cannot host a solar system on their own roofs.

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