

Your Subscription

How much solar energy can I receive?

Your subscription can't exceed 100% of your average yearly electricity use, and you can't subscribe to more the 40% of a single project's capacity. But, other than that, it's up to you to choose a subscription that fits your needs and your budget.

Every home and business is unique, so before choosing your subscription level, review your previous year's utility bills so you know your actual usage. Also keep in mind that, your energy use may go down during the life of your subscription. It may be smart to include a buffer to account for changes like this and aim for no more than 90% of your typical use.

What happens if I move?

One of the benefits of community solar is that you can take your subscription with you if you move within your utility territory. If you move within your current utility territory, your community solar subscription will move with you. If you move outside of your utility territory, you may cancel your subscription or transfer it to someone else who is eligible.

How long do I have to subscribe for?

Participation agreements must be for at least 10 years but may be longer. You always have the option of cancelling your subscription, but you should be sure you understand the process and requirements of cancelling your subscription early and whether there are fees for doing so. For low-income participants, there are no penalties or fees for cancelling a subscription early.



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Frequently Asked Questions



Introduction

The Oregon Community Solar Program gives customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power and Idaho Power an easy way to go solar. Customers can purchase energy from a community solar project—such as a large solar system on a business, school or church—and receive a credit on their monthly utility bill for the electricity from their portion of the project. Community solar is a great option for customers who want to use clean energy but may not have a sunny roof of their own.

How does the Community Solar Program work?

First, a project manager develops a community solar project. Then, a customer subscribes to the project by signing up with a project manager. Customers can find projects on the Oregon Community Solar Program website at oregoncsp.org. When the community solar project begins generating clean energy, the participant will start receiving a credit on their utility bill for their portion of the electricity generated.

How can I participate?

To subscribe to a community solar project, a customer must sign up with the project manager building or operating the project. Subscribers will sign a contract with the project manager for a portion of the solar system. Subscribers receive credits on their monthly electricity bills for the energy generated by their portion of a community solar project in the prior month.



Finding a Project:

How can I find a community solar project?

All certified projects are listed on our website under Project Finder.

I saw an ad for a community solar project. How do I know if the project and project manager are really associated with the Oregon Community Solar Program?

All project managers must be registered with the Oregon Community Solar Program, and all community solar projects must be approved by the program. Approved projects are listed on the Project Finder page of the Community Solar Program website. If you do not see a project listed, it has not been approved by the program and should be reported to the program administrator.

Eligibility:

Do I need to live near a community solar project to subscribe?

Not necessarily. You can subscribe to any community solar project located within the territory of your current electric utility. Some utilities serve many communities around the state; in that case, you do not need to live in or near the same community as a community solar project to subscribe.

Can I participate if I'm a renter or live in an apartment?

Yes! The Community Solar Program was designed to allow those who do not own their own homes to access solar. Therefore, you can subscribe to a project if you are a renter.

If I already have solar on my roof, can I participate?

Customers with net-metered, rooftop solar electric systems may participate in a community solar project as long as their subscription is sized to produce no more than the net annual energy use of the building. If you have a solar electric system that received funding from the Volumetric Incentive Rate program, you are not eligible to participate.

Can I subscribe to more than one project?

Yes, customers can subscribe to more than one community solar project as long as their total amount of subscribed capacity does not exceed 2 MW (or 4 MW for some large commercial and industrial customers). Individual residential customers do not consume enough energy to trigger this capacity threshold.

