What is **Community Solar**?

Simply put, community solar is shared solar energy generated by panels in a central location. That means no expensive installation process and no need to even own your own roof, making solar energy an option for both homeowners *and* renters.

Here's how it works:

- 1. Customers subscribe to a **solar project** of their choosing. Solar projects can be developed by businesses, schools, churches, homeowners' associations, and more!
- 2. The solar project generates energy for the power grid.
- 3. Customers get a credit back on their utility bill for their portion of energy generated.

Subscription fees vary based on solar project and program. You can browse the Oregon Community Solar Program's available projects and rates on <u>www.oregoncsp.org</u>.

What are the benefits of community solar?

It's good for the earth. Community solar makes it easier to use clean energy. Without the barriers of home ownership and panel installation, more people than ever can power their homes in a planet-friendly way.

It's a local collaboration. Residents choose to subscribe to a project in their community or utility territory. Participating means supporting local organizations and green businesses.



