

Community Solar

Community Solar is a program allowing large solar facilities to produce solar energy for public consumption. It is available to all New Mexicans, and you can sign up now to participate.

All of the approved Community Solar facilities in New Mexico will produce solar energy and feed it into the grid. If you sign up, PNM, or your electricity provider, will distribute that electricity giving you a discount on your bill and the state clean energy toward its renewable energy goals.

If you are interested in participating in Community Solar, please sign up through a Subscription Manager who will assign you to a facility that has space, is located in the PNM territory, and offers the best discounts. The two Subscription Managers serving the PNM area are below:

Solstice

Residential: outreach@solstice.us

Commercial: commercial@us-solar.com

(866) 826-1997

Sunshare

<https://mysunshare.com/check-availability/>

info@mysunshare.com

(800) 793-07

What is Community Solar?

- Community Solar is a program allowing solar developers to build solar facilities up to five (5) MW (about the size of 30 football fields).
- It is a way to go solar *without installing solar panels on your own home.*
- It allows customers to earn savings on their electric bills.
- It is available to all New Mexicans but space is limited and the program prioritizes income-qualified households.

How does it work?

JOIN: As a **home owner** or **renter**, sign up online at no cost and a portion of the solar facility's energy is reserved for you.

RECEIVE CREDITS FOR POWER AND SAVE: Your solar facility sends energy to the same grid that already powers your home. You don't need to install anything or change your utility provider. You'll earn solar credits every month on your electric bill. Those credits come at a guaranteed discount, bringing down your costs



while also providing the grid with clean, renewable energy.

SAVINGS AND BILLING: If you enroll in Community Solar you will begin receiving **two bills** for your electricity. You will receive a reduced electricity bill from PNM with monthly bill credits, depending on how much energy your community solar share generated. You will also receive an additional bill from the solar facility, for the solar subscription cost. **Your total payments (for both bills) will still be less than what you would pay without Community Solar.** Income-qualified households can expect to save **15–20% on their total annual electricity costs, while all other households will save around 5%.**

For further questions about Community Solar, please visit:

<https://www.cabq.gov/sustainability/energy/solar-resources#new-mexico-community-solar>

<https://www.coalitionscnm.org/community-solar>

<https://www.prc.nm.gov/utilities/community-solar/>

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6 Things to Know ABOUT COMMUNITY SOLAR

1 This program is free to sign up and free to leave when you choose. Be sure to see if your provider offers any discounts for low-income residents. **FREE!**

2 You don't have to own! You can participate as a renter or as an owner to get the savings.

3 This program provides opportunities for qualifying residents to access the benefits of solar power. **clean energy**

4 Get the benefit of lower costs to your electric bill without the hassle of installing solar panels.

5 You will get one bill from PNM and one from your provider. You could see between 5-20% savings on your annual electric bill.

6 Beware of fraud! Verify with PNM, NM PRC or our website and sign-up from an approved subscription manager.

www.cabq.gov/solar