



TIME TO SAVE MONEY ON YOUR UTILITY BILL!



WHAT IS COMMUNITY SOLAR?

Community solar provides you with the benefits of clean energy without the hassle of a traditional solar panel installation. With community solar, you can expect to see monthly energy cost savings on your utility bill. Savings will vary monthly depending on the amount of sunshine, but you can expect to save consistently 10-20% annually.



Join a Renewable Energy Project

You join a solar project in your community, which pumps clean energy into the local power grid.

Power Your Home

You continue to receive electricity from your utility company, without installing any equipment

Save Money

You receive credit on your electric bill as your project produces clean energy. **You save money, guaranteed!**

OPTION ONE: DO YOU QUALIFY 20% OFF?

Albany Residents Qualify if...

- You are a **low-income ratepayer** in the National Grid service territory
- Your service address is in a **designated Disadvantaged Community (DAC)** or EmPower New York pre-screened area

See further details in FAQ.

**THAT YOU?
SCAN HERE
FOR 20% OFF**



OPTION TWO: ALL ARE ELIGIBLE 10% OFF!

Residents of **all income levels and service addresses are eligible for up to 10% of their electricity supply.**

Fellow New York friends and family may also apply, so send along the savings! Adding more clean energy to our grid reduces our dependence on fossil fuels.

**ALL OTHERS
SCAN HERE
FOR 10% OFF**



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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

Are there issues with reliability?

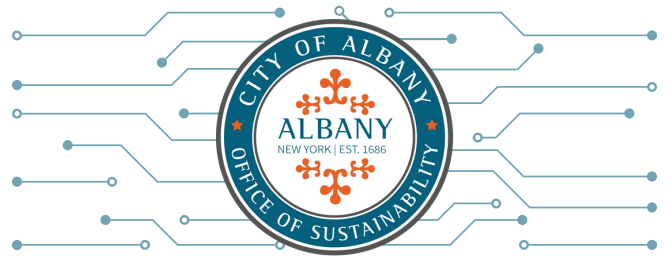
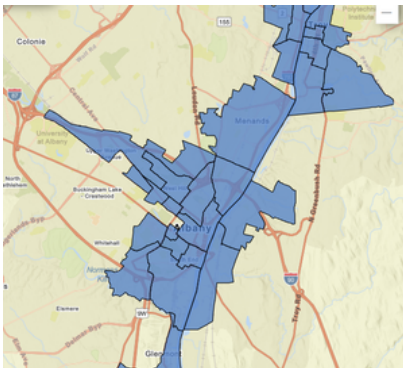
Nope. You will have the same reliability that you have always had. Nothing will change except now, when you receive your utility bill, you will see your bill credit applied, reducing your monthly energy costs. Your utility company still maintains the physical grid system, ensuring reliability and delivering the electricity you use to power your home

Is this an ESCO (Energy Service Company/Supplier)?

No, this has no impact on your current electricity supplier. Community solar helps you generate your own electricity to some degree, while ESCOs offer alternative pricing for the electricity you still get from the grid.

Do I live in a Designated Disadvantaged Community (DAC)?

If you are within the City, there is a good chance you are eligible (Map below). The best way to check is to visit <https://www.nyserda.ny.gov/ny/Disadvantaged-Communities> or scan the QR code and check your address.



Do I need to put anything on my roof?

No! That's the beauty of community renewables. You get all of the benefits of clean energy without having to install anything at your home

What if I want to leave the project?

If you want to leave, terms and conditions may vary depending on the project. It's important to review your subscription agreement to see if there are any particular requirements. In most cases, you simply have to give a certain amount of notice so they can find someone else to take your spot.

How do I know if I am a low-income ratepayer?

National Grid customers must provide income-eligibility paperwork and a bill with an Energy Affordability Program (EAP). You are pre-qualified for a EAP if you belong to these programs.

- Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP)
- Lifeline Telephone Service Program (Lifeline)
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) (Food Stamps)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Medicaid
- Veterans Disability or Survivors Pension
- Federal Public Housing Assistance
- Child Health Plus
- Utility Guarantee/Direct Vendor programs
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Safety Net Assistance

WHAT YOU NEED TO SIGN UP?



Your latest
electricity bill
from National
Grid



Fill out online
application.
Review and
"accept" the
disclosure form.



You get savings,
We all get a cleaner
energy grid.

If you have any questions or need assistance,
please email Sustainability@albanyny.gov.

