

Why is Sunnyside Community Solar a bright idea?

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Subscription Details

- 1. How much community solar can I sign up for?** Residents can subscribe up to 100% of their annual consumption, capped at 10 kW. Commercial members can subscribe up to 100% of their annual consumption, capped at 25 kW.
- 2. How much does it cost?** General members pay a subscription fee based on enrollment rates, estimated kW production value, plus a 5% upcharge for local community solar participation. This cost is billed monthly over a 12-month period. Income-qualified members have no costs and receive a monthly bill credit equivalent to 20% energy savings based on their kW subscription's production value.
- 3. When will the subscription start?** Subscriptions will start on October 1st, 2024 and will show up on members' November bills. Applicable subscription fees will also begin on November bills.
- 4. How long is the subscription period?** Five years, ending April 2029.
- 5. Can I sign up if I rent?** Absolutely! Community solar is a great option for renters or those who aren't able to install their own solar panels.
- 6. What happens if I move?** If you're moving within LPEA's service area, you can transfer your subscription, potentially adjusting the size based on availability. If moving outside LPEA's area, your subscription will be canceled. General members' net-meter bank will be paid out at LPEA's wholesale energy cost.
- 7. If I have more than one account with LPEA, can I sign up for multiple accounts?** Yes! You are welcome to apply for multiple accounts. The lottery will be drawn by account number so there is no guarantee multiple accounts will be selected.
- 8. Can I sign up if I'm LPEA's Time of Use rate?** Yes, absolutely. If you are on a TOU rate, LPEA will credit the kWh produced from Sunnyside Community Solar to you at a blended rate of ~\$0.1021/kWh.

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9. **What happens if I have a solar bank at the end of the year?** For income-qualified members, any unused solar bank is forfeited at the end of the year. General members will have their solar bank credited using the standard payout procedure for net-metered accounts.
10. **Are there any penalties for unenrolling early?** No.
11. **What happens at the end of the subscription period in April 2029?** The solar facility is designed for 20+ years of operation, divided into four 5-year subscription periods. After the initial period, subscribers can renew their subscription or unenroll, though LPEA may open new enrollments. Subscription terms are subject to change for each new period.
1. **How does the billing process work for subscribers?** General membership subscribers pay a monthly subscription fee over 12 months. They are then credited based on the kilowatt-hours produced by their subscription. Income-qualified subscribers receive a discounted energy charge on their electric bill. Subscribers will have a net meter bank that applies credits to future bills, similar to typical net-metering.



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