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A Community Solar program

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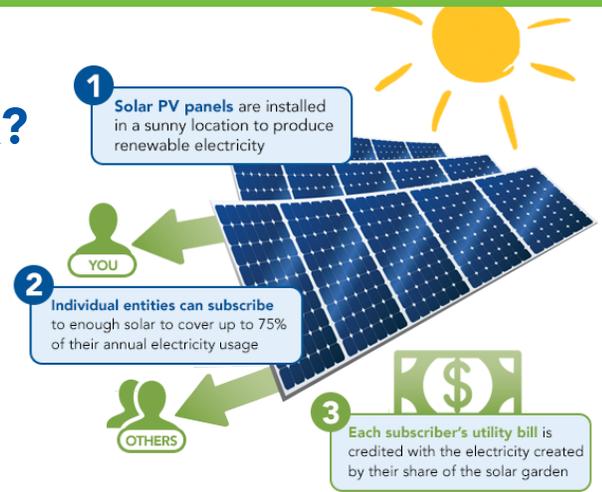


# WHAT IS SOLARCHOICE?

**SOLARCHOICE** is Austin Utilities' (AU) community solar program. Community solar is a way to benefit from solar without installing it on your rooftop or property. It's an easy way to join the solar movement at a level that is affordable to you. It also allows customers an opportunity to gain a level of price certainty by locking in the cost of a portion of their future energy usage. While only 25% of rooftops are suitable for solar installations, community solar provides an equitable way to allow those who want more solar to get it without impacting those who do not.

## HOW DOES THE SOLARCHOICE PROGRAM WORK?

Instead of putting panels on your roof, we build a large solar project called a community solar garden with thousands of panels. You subscribe to a portion of the energy produced by one or more panels in the community solar garden\*, along with many other residents who share your commitment to renewable energy. Each month you receive a bill credit for the solar electricity generated by your subscribed panel(s).



## HOW MUCH DOES SOLARCHOICE COST?

Pricing is set on a per panel basis. Each customer may purchase the output from enough panels to cover up to 75% of their average monthly usage over the most recent 12 month period.

**6-year plan:** \$340 per panel\*\* (or 12 monthly payments of \$28.34 per panel\*\*\*)

\* One 335 watt panel is expected to produce 501 kWh per year for the first 12 years.  
Example: 501 kWh (estimated year one production) x \$0.113 (2017 residential rate) = \$56.61 year one credit

\*\* To participate in the **SOLARCHOICE** Program customer must be current with payments.

\*\*\* To participate in the Monthly Payment Plan customer must pay a \$25 administration fee and have good credit standing with the utility. Payment will be applied to the monthly utility bill.

## WHAT IF I MOVE?

If you move to another address within AU's service territory, your **SOLARCHOICE** subscription moves with you. If you move outside AU's service territory, you may transfer or sell your subscription to another AU customer.

For more answers to frequently asked questions visit [www.austinutilities.com](http://www.austinutilities.com).

# SOLARCHOICE APPLICATION (Or apply online at [www.austinutilities.com](http://www.austinutilities.com))

## STEP 1 ACCOUNT INFORMATION: (Please print clearly)

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 2 PICK YOUR PLAN: (Call us for help: 507.433.8886)

My Annual Usage:

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My AMU:

(Average Monthly Usage)

### Maximum Number of Panels

Use your Average Monthly Usage to check the maximum number of panels you may subscribe to on the Panel Calculation Chart.

*You can subscribe to any quantity at or below the maximum number of panels but you cannot subscribe to any quantity above the maximum number.*

# of Panels:

x

\$340 (6 year plan)

=

Total:

I will make a one-time payment

I will make monthly payments

## STEP 3 SUBMIT APPLICATION AND SIGN SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

### Submit Application:

**Drop off or Mail** to Austin Utilities, 1908 14th St. NE, Austin, MN 55912

**or Email:** [SolarChoice@AustinUtilities.com](mailto:SolarChoice@AustinUtilities.com) **or Apply Online:** [www.AustinUtilities.com](http://www.AustinUtilities.com)

### Sign Subscription Agreement:

You will need to sign a "SOLARCHOICE Subscription Agreement" once your application is approved. This agreement will need to be submitted to our office along with your payment.

*Customers who select the Monthly Payment Plan will only return the \$25 administration fee.*

Panel Calculation Chart	
Average Monthly Usage (AMU)	Maximum Number of Panels <small>(Based on 75% of AMU)</small>
100-199	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
200-299	<input type="checkbox"/> 3
300-399	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
400-499	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
500-599	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
600-699	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
700-799	<input type="checkbox"/> 12
800-899	<input type="checkbox"/> 14
900-999	<input type="checkbox"/> 16
1,000-1,099	<input type="checkbox"/> 17
1,100-1,199	<input type="checkbox"/> 19
1,200-1,299	<input type="checkbox"/> 21
1,300-1,399	<input type="checkbox"/> 23
1,400-1,499	<input type="checkbox"/> 25
1,500-1,599	<input type="checkbox"/> 26
1,600-1,699	<input type="checkbox"/> 28
1,700-1,799	<input type="checkbox"/> 30
1,800-1,899	<input type="checkbox"/> 32
1,900-2,999	<input type="checkbox"/> 34

### Office use only:

Application:

Received \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Initials

Approved \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Initials

Subscription Agreement:

Sent to Customer \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Initials

Received from Customer \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Initials

Amount Due: \$

Paid in Full \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Initials

or  Monthly Payment Plan Amount \$

Applied to Account # \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Initials

# PROGRAM DETAILS



- Only metered electric service accounts in good standing with AU will be permitted to apply for the Program.
- Enrollment is available on a first come first served basis.
- Submittal of application does not guarantee participation in the Program.
- **SOLARCHOICE** customers are subscribing to the output of a solar array and have no ownership or access to the actual solar array.
- Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) will be retained by the utility.
- Production units are not guaranteed.
- Panels subscriptions are non-refundable once purchased and may not be returned, but may be transferred or assigned to another customer per program terms and conditions.
- Customer cannot be a simultaneous solar producer and **SOLARCHOICE** program participant.

Full Terms and Conditions are available in the **SOLARCHOICE** Subscriptions Agreement.



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