

TIPS FOR SUBSCRIBING TO A COMMUNITY SOLAR PROJECT



Interested in community solar? Here are some key questions you should ask before signing a subscription commitment. Before subscribing to any project, be sure to ask for and review the subscriber agreement.

WHAT SHOULD I ASK BEFORE I SIGN UP?

Basic Subscription Terms

- What subscription models are available?
- How long is the agreement term, and what happens if I move or need to end the agreement?
- Can I change my share of the solar project in the middle of my agreement?
- What will it cost me on a monthly or annual basis, and how do you determine that cost?
- How much money do you estimate I can save over the whole subscription term?

Understanding Prices and Fees

- Is there a financial penalty if I end the agreement early?
- Is a payment or deposit required to hold my spot?
- Are there any additional fees or penalties?
- Are there any credits, rebates, or incentives available?

Company and Project Details

- Where will the community solar project be located?
- Will I be able to visit the system?
- How long have you been in business?
- How many community solar projects have you installed or managed?
- Who handles my subscription, and whom do I call if I have questions?
- What is the date of commercial operation, or estimated date of commercial operation if the project is not yet operational?

Power Generation

- Will I be able to monitor how much electricity my subscription generates?
- Do you guarantee the amount of electricity generated by my subscription? If not, what happens if that amount is not reached?
- Who is responsible for the maintenance and care of the community solar project? What if there are issues such as major storm damage?

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COMMUNITY SOLAR SUBSCRIPTION WORKSHEET



This worksheet will help you make note of the terms offered by a community solar project. Be sure to read your contract thoroughly so that you fully understand the terms.

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