

# COMMUNITY SOLAR

## THE CLEAN ENERGY PROGRAM THAT REDUCES ENERGY COSTS FOR RESIDENTS AND BUSINESSES



### What is Community Solar?

Community Solar is a state-regulated program that has been helping Maryland residents since 2017 and this year we became the 23rd state to make it permanent in the U.S. It is increasing solar energy generation on developed land like landfills, rooftops, and parking canopies and providing homeowners, renters, and businesses equal access to the economic and environmental benefits of solar energy generation, regardless of where they live or their income-level.

#### HOW IT WORKS.

The community solar program allows anyone in Maryland who pays an electric bill, to get a free share of a local solar farm to generate energy on their behalf.

This way, if you can't or don't want to install panels on your roof, you can still save some money and help reduce carbon emissions.

It makes clean energy available to the 80% of residents who, otherwise, would not be able to support the clean energy transition.



#### 1. Find a Solar Farm

Follow the link below to subscribe. Make sure you have your utility bill handy. Add your contact info, account info, authorize the agreement and add a payment method on file.

#### 2. Get your share

Once you submit your subscription we will reach out to the utility to get your historical energy usage and will assign you a share of a local solar farm based on that info.

#### 3. Start saving money

The utility pays you for the energy generated by your share every month with credits on your bill. Then, you pay for those credits to us with a 10% discount, saving you money every month.



### Who is Neighborhood Sun?

We are a subscriber organization. We help residents and businesses benefit from this program by subscribing them to a solar farm in their utility area. We deal with the solar farm developers and utility companies to make the process easier for residents. In 2016, we set out to disrupt the broken utility industry that profits off pollution while distributing the health and financial costs to the customers it supposedly serves. We leverage collective action, empowering communities through access to clean, affordable energy, one individual or business at a time.

#### WHAT YOU CAN DO.

Join Chevrei Tzedek's congregants who have subscribed for **FREE** and get a share of a solar farm to generate up to 90% of the energy you use in a year. If you are not subscribed to this program yet, you are missing out on savings on your energy bill!

Subscribe here: [www.NeighborhoodSun.Solar/chevreitzedek](http://www.NeighborhoodSun.Solar/chevreitzedek) and we will donate \$100 to Chevrei Tzedek.



Want to learn more? Email Natalia at [natalia.franco@neighborhoodsun.solar](mailto:natalia.franco@neighborhoodsun.solar) or call 240-985-8641.



# How to subscribe?

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Go to this link [www.NeighborhoodSun.Solar/chevreitzedek](http://www.NeighborhoodSun.Solar/chevreitzedek) to start your subscription. Make sure you have your utility bill handy.

1. Add your contact information (name, email, phone number, zip code, utility provider) and click **Next**.
2. **Select** the solar farm that you want to subscribe to. If your household income is less than \$75k/year, make sure you select one that gives a higher discount for low and moderate income residents.
3. Provide your utility information (address, account #, choice ID #). If you can't find the choice ID #, go to the first page of your BGE bill on the left side and look for the electric supply circle. It should be there as Electric Choice ID. Click **Next**.
4. If you are subscribing to an income-qualified solar farm that gives you a higher discount, answer the questions on the pop up window about persons in household and income. Click **Confirm**.
5. Provide a payment method on file. We need this information as you will be receiving credits on your bill a month before you actually pay for them with the discount. You can **add your bank account** or a credit/debit card. These credits will be charged automatically every month, but you will receive an invoice from us 5-10 days before that happens.
6. Authorize the agreement. This agreement guarantees that you will have that discount (based on the solar farm you choose) for as long as you are enrolled. Even though, the agreement's term is 20-25 years, you can cancel your subscription anytime without a cancellation fee. We just need a 2-3 month notice in most cases for the utility to fully process your cancellation. Click the check box to agree to the Community Solar Agreement and Disclosure Statement, sign and submit.

If you are subscribing to get a low and moderate income discount, you will be asked to **upload** a document as proof of your income. You can add your last Tax Return, Paystub, W2, or your Social Security Notice of Annual Payout.

Click **Submit to Complete your Signup**. You should see a confirmation message after this.

One last thing! You'll receive an email shortly **confirming your subscription details**. Click the "Confirm" button in the email to complete your enrollment. You are NOT fully enrolled until you confirm through the email.

If all the information provided is accurate, you should be enrolled in the next few days. If your solar farm is not operating yet, it will take a few months to start seeing credits on your bill. We will send you updates via email.

Thank you for joining the clean energy transition in Maryland with Community Solar!

## The Community Solar Program is supported by these organizations.

Chesapeake Climate Action Network (CCAN), Johns Hopkins University, Maryland League of Conservation Voters, Progressive Maryland, Solar United Neighbors, Citizens Climate Lobby, Clean Water Action, Interfaith Power and Light, Annapolis Green, MOM's Organic Market, Blue Water Baltimore, Compost Crew, Common Market, Howard County Climate Action, Mobilize Frederick, Adat Shalom, Beth Am Synagogue, Chevrei Tzedek, UUCC, UUCA, EUMC, EVADC, Forest Planet.

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