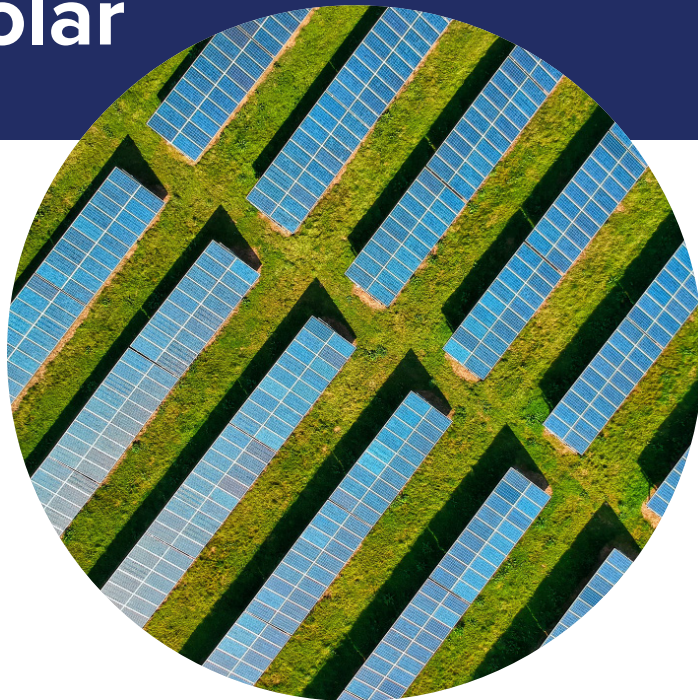


Nursing Homes Save Money with Community Solar

Eligible customers within select utilities are able to enroll in Community Solar programs without installing any solar panels at their property. These programs allow businesses to support clean, local, renewable energy, in addition to providing savings on their electricity bills. Nursing homes have the opportunity for even greater savings than the average community solar subscriber.



Community Solar programs offer solar energy that is generated from local “solar farms”, or solar array installations that are developed specifically for Community Solar programs, to utility customers within the region. The energy from these solar farms is fed into the local electricity grid, allowing local customers to take advantage of the renewable resource. In addition to committing to and supporting sustainable energy, these programs offer significant guaranteed savings on your electricity bills.

How does Community Solar work?

When enrolled in a Community Solar program, your business subscribes to receive credits from a solar farm developer that lowers your monthly utility bill. Then, the farm bills you for only a portion of those credits. The amount varies based on the state and utility but is guaranteed for the life of the enrollment, which typically ranges from 3-30 years depending on the program. These agreements can often be cancelled at any time without penalty, effectively making it a zero-risk decision to enroll. For additional information, as well as eligibility requirements, please contact your EnergyNext representative.

What is the advantage for nursing homes?

Nursing homes are typically master metered, meaning one electricity account encompasses the electricity usage for all residents in a building, rather than each resident having their own account. Community solar subscriptions are usually capped at a specific amount of demand (kW) per account. However, master metering allows a customer to circumvent this cap. A common cap for a direct metered account is 30kW. If the account is master metered, the customer can exceed this cap and be granted a subscription several times this amount, depending on the number of residents. With a larger subscription, the customer will see greater savings.