



Illinois Solar for All

Steps for Residents to Participate in Illinois Solar for All

Illinois Solar for All (ILSFA) helps make going solar more affordable for income-eligible households.

Are you interested in participating in Illinois Solar for All? Read on to learn how to get started.



1. Determine if you are eligible based on your income

You are eligible if your household gross income does not exceed 80% area median income (AMI). Please use our [income-eligible lookup tool](#) to determine your eligibility.



2. Learn about your options



Distributed Generation or residential solar systems can be a good option for homeowners. These systems are ground-mounted or installed on the roof of a property. Roofs need to have 15 years of life left on them for rooftop solar projects and be minimally shaded. For ground-mounted solar projects, the foundation needs to be able to support the solar system and cannot be located in an area with a high flood risk.



Community Solar allows eligible households to subscribe to a single solar system served by the local electric utility without installing a system at the subscriber's property. Subscribers receive credits on their electric bill for the electricity generated by their share of the project. A Community Solar subscription is a good option if your property is not suitable for a residential solar system installation or if you are a renter who pays electricity bills.

Once you've determined the best option for you, you'll look for an Approved Vendor. These companies are responsible for all aspects of solar installation and community solar subscriptions for Illinois Solar for All projects and will guide you through the journey to adopting solar energy.



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Distributed Generation (Residential)

3. Review the Approved Vendor Directory to find vendors in your area and compare offers.

Approved Vendors are required to share a standard disclosure form to make it easier for you to compare offers.

The Approved Vendor will need to review your past 12 months of electricity usage, which is on your most recent bill. The usage data helps them prepare a standard disclosure form and ensure that the system's size is appropriate for your needs. They will also need proof of ownership: a deed or property tax bill.

What should you consider when evaluating options?

- Are there any costs?
- How much are you expected to save?
- What's the best contract type for you?
- How long is the contract?
- What happens at the end of the contract?



4. Have a site assessment

The Approved Vendor may visit your home to determine whether the site is suitable for rooftop or ground-mounted solar panels. If your site is not suitable for a system, you can still consider a community solar subscription.



5. Sign a contract and eligibility documents

Carefully read the contract and ask your Approved Vendor questions before signing it to ensure that you understand the terms.

Community Solar Subscriptions

3. Look for a Community Solar project in your utility area accepting subscribers. Contact the Approved Vendor to subscribe.

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The Approved Vendor will need to review your past 12 months of electricity usage, which is on your most recent bill. The usage data helps them determine an appropriate subscription size and estimate bill savings.

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4. Sign a contract and eligibility documents

Carefully read the contract and ask your Approved Vendor to answer any questions you have before signing it to ensure you understand the terms.



5. Track project timeline

Some community solar projects begin to sign up subscribers before the system is constructed.

Please talk with your Approved Vendor about when the project will be complete and when you can expect to see credits appear on your electric bills. You will not see bill credits until the system is complete and authorized.

The Illinois Solar for All Program Administrator is here to help. If you have questions, or would like support navigating the process, please call 1-888-970-ISFA (4732) or email info@illinoisSFA.com.