

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

HUDSON VALLEY COMMUNITY POWER:

Community Solar



With local solar, you can decrease your electricity costs by up to 10% annually and help reduce carbon emissions.

What is community solar?

Community solar programs allow utility customers (including members of community choice aggregation programs) to support local solar power and save on annual electricity costs without having to install solar panels.

Why should I enroll?

Approximately 50% of all homes are unable to host solar panels. Hudson Valley Community Power's new local solar program empowers homeowners, renters, and small businesses to easily tap into the benefits of solar.

Sign up for local solar to:

1. Lower your electricity bill by up to 10% annually
2. Support clean, renewable energy generation
3. Raise funds towards a local sustainability project

How does community solar work?

You subscribe to a shared solar farm that feeds clean solar energy into the utility grid. Your solar farm share generates credits which appear on your Central Hudson utility bill, reducing your amount due. Nexamp, our community solar partner, bills you for the credits generated by your share of the solar farm.

How do I save with community solar?

Your solar farm share is sized to match your annual electricity usage. The credits generated by your farm share are applied and reduce your utility bill.

Nexamp, our community solar partner, bills you for the credits at a 10% discount, saving you money.

How is my solar allocation determined?

Your solar allocation will be estimated to offset nearly all your typical, annual electricity usage. So, your allocation should roughly match your annual usage.

Is there a penalty for canceling my subscription?

No. There are no penalties or termination fees. Should you choose to leave the program, please allow up to 90 days for the cancellation to take effect.

How does Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) work with community solar?

Hudson Valley Community Power's Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and Community Solar programs work together to reduce both electricity costs and carbon emissions. CCA is a statewide initiative that allows municipalities to pool local electricity demand in order to negotiate lower electricity rates and better terms and empowers municipalities to designate generation sources—including renewable energy—on behalf of their residents. Community Solar provides additional electricity bill savings to those who enroll as incentive for supporting the creation of local renewable infrastructure.

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Do I earn the same number of credits every month?

Subscribers in the Central Hudson utility area pay for credits based on how much their solar farm share generates. This means in the summer you may receive more credits than you need while in the winter you may receive fewer credits than you need. The credits belong to you and you can use the extra credits you earn from the summer when you need them in the winter. Your share of the solar farm is allocated so that at the end of the year the right amount of power is generated for the grid to match what you need to offset your annual electricity costs.

How will I be billed?

Each month, you'll receive two bills – one from Central Hudson and one from Nexamp, the solar project manager. Central Hudson will bill you for the electricity you use less the solar credits generated by your solar farm share. Nexamp will bill you for 90% of the solar credit value. You save the 10% difference!

Does this mean I no longer receive power from Central Hudson?

No. Central Hudson will continue to deliver your electricity and is responsible for repairs, maintenance, and service. The solar farm simply feeds energy into the utility grid.

Do I have to switch my utility or my energy supplier?

No. If you are purchasing power through a CCA or from a third-party energy supplier or ESCO, you can continue to do so. Enrolling in community solar is a good way to reduce your electricity costs without impacting your relationship with your existing energy supplier.

Am I eligible to enroll?

Subscribers must be Central Hudson residential or small business customers. Those with their own solar panels are not eligible to enroll.

I am not a part of a CCA, can I still participate?

Yes. If you are a Central Hudson customer you can sign up for community solar, regardless of whether you participate in the Hudson Valley Community Power CCA program.

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