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A Community Solar program

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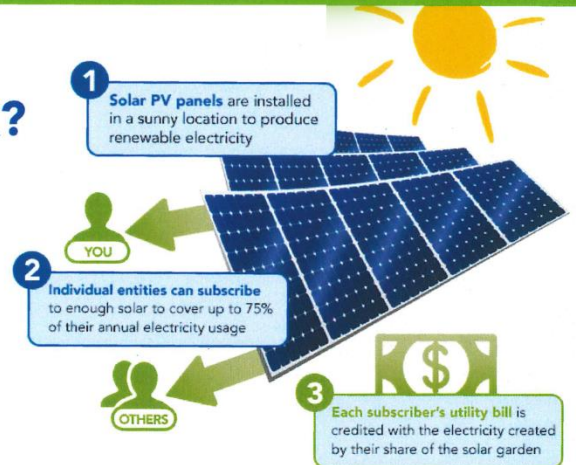
**RESIDENTIAL  
PROGRAM**

# WHAT IS SOLARCHOICE?

SOLARCHOICE is Preston Public Utilities' community solar program. Community solar is a way to benefit from solar without installing it on your rooftop or property. It's an easy way to join the solar movement at a level that is affordable to you. It also allows customers an opportunity to gain a level of price certainty by locking in the cost of a portion of their future energy usage. While only 25% of rooftops are suitable for solar installations, community solar provides an equitable way to allow those who want more solar to get it without impacting those who do not.

## HOW DOES THE SOLARCHOICE PROGRAM WORK?

Instead of putting panels on your roof, we build a large solar project called a community solar garden with thousands of panels. You subscribe to a portion of the energy produced by one or more panels in the community solar garden\*, along with many other residents who share your commitment to renewable energy. Each month you receive a bill credit for the solar electricity generated by your subscribed panel(s).



## HOW MUCH DOES SOLARCHOICE COST?

Pricing is set on a per panel basis. Each customer may purchase the output from enough panels to cover up to 75% of their average monthly usage over the most recent 12 month period.

### Pick your plan:

- 5-year plan: \$257 per panel (or 12 monthly payments of \$21.42 per panel\*\*\*)
- 10-year plan: \$520 per panel (or 12 monthly payments of \$43.33 per panel\*\*\*)
- 20-year plan: \$1,066 per panel (or 12 monthly payments of \$88.83 per panel\*\*\*)
- 25-year plan: \$1,349 per panel (or 12 monthly payments of \$112.42 per panel\*\*\*)

\* One 335 watt panel is expected to produce 515 kWh in year one and average 485 kWh per year for 25 years. Value Calculation = estimated production x current applicable rate; Example: 515 kWh (estimated year one production) x \$0.0998 (2017 residential rate) = \$51.40 year one credit

\*\* To participate in the SOLARCHOICE Program customer must be current with payments.

\*\*\* To participate in the Monthly Payment Plan customer must pay a \$25 administration fee and have good credit standing with the utility. Payment will be applied to the monthly utility bill.

## WHAT IF I MOVE?

If you move to another address in town your SOLARCHOICE subscription moves with you. If you move outside PPU's service territory, you may transfer your subscription to another PPU customer or sell it to an interested party on the PPU system.

For more answers to frequently asked questions visit [www.prestonmn.org](http://www.prestonmn.org)

# SOLARCHOICE APPLICATION

## STEP 1 ACCOUNT INFORMATION: (Please print clearly)

Account Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## STEP 2 PICK YOUR PLAN: (Call us for help: 507-765-2491)

**My Annual Usage:**  **/12 =**  **My AMU:**  
 (Average Monthly Usage)

### Maximum Number of Panels

Use your Average Monthly Usage to check the maximum number of panels you may subscribe to on the Panel Calculation Chart.

*You can subscribe to any quantity at or below the maximum number of panels but you cannot subscribe to any quantity above the maximum number.*

**# of Panels:**  **Pick a Plan:**  \$257 (5 year plan)  
 \$520 (10 year plan) **x**  \$1,066 (20 year plan) **=**   
 \$1,349 (25 year plan)

I will make a one-time payment  I will make monthly payments

Panel Calculation Chart	
Average Monthly Usage (AMU)	Maximum Number of Panels (Based on 75% of AMU)
300-400	<input type="checkbox"/> 5
400-500	<input type="checkbox"/> 7
500-600	<input type="checkbox"/> 8
600-700	<input type="checkbox"/> 10
700-800	<input type="checkbox"/> 12
800-900	<input type="checkbox"/> 14
900-1,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 16
1,000-1,100	<input type="checkbox"/> 17
1,100-1,200	<input type="checkbox"/> 19
1,200-1,300	<input type="checkbox"/> 21
1,300-1,400	<input type="checkbox"/> 23
1,400-1,500	<input type="checkbox"/> 25
1,500-1,600	<input type="checkbox"/> 26
1,600-1,700	<input type="checkbox"/> 28
1,700-1,800	<input type="checkbox"/> 30
1,800-1,900	<input type="checkbox"/> 32
1,900-2,000	<input type="checkbox"/> 34

## STEP 3 SUBMIT APPLICATION AND SIGN SUBSCRIPTION AGREEMENT

### Submit Application:

**Drop off or Mail** to Preston Public Utilities, 210 Fillmore St. W, PO Box 657, Preston, MN 55965  
**or Email:** debner@prestonmn.org **or Apply Online:** www.prestonmn.org

### Sign Subscription Agreement:

You will need to sign a "SOLARCHOICE Subscription Agreement" once your application is approved. This agreement will need to be submitted to our office along with your payment.

*Customers who select the Monthly Payment Plan will only return the \$25 administration fee.*

### Office use only:

**Application: Received:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Approved:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date and initials) (Date and initials)  
**Subscription Agreement: Sent to Customer:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Received from Customer:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date and initials) (Date and initials)  
**Amount Due:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Paid in Full:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date and initials)  
**or Monthly Payment Plan:**  \$25 Administration Fee Paid **Monthly Payment Amount:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Applied to Account #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date and initials)

# PROGRAM DETAILS

- Only metered electric service accounts in good standing with PPU will be permitted to apply for the Program.
- Enrollment is available on a first come first served basis.
- Submittal of application does not guarantee participation in the Program.
- SOLARCHOICE customers are subscribing to the output of a solar array and have no ownership or access to the actual solar array.
- Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) will be retained by the utility.
- Production units are not guaranteed.
- Panels subscriptions are non-refundable once purchased and may not be returned, but may be transferred or assigned to another customer per program terms and conditions.
- Customer cannot be a simultaneous solar producer and SOLARCHOICE program participant.

Full Terms and Conditions are available in the SOLARCHOICE Subscriptions Agreement.



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