

Repower Vermont by Joining a Community Solar Array

If you've wanted to go solar but couldn't because you don't have a good spot, problem solved.





Now a bunch of folks can together tap into a Community Solar Array. Yup, we call them CSAs. So if you thought you couldn't go solar, now you can from wherever you live in Vermont.

It starts with landowners who are excited to host solar for their friends and neighbors. Each CSA takes up just an acre and can provide for up to 30 homes. Anyone in the same utility district as the solar host can sign up as a CSA member and subscribe for a share of the solar array.



SunCommon has done all the work to make this possible. Here's how it works.

- You can sign up for free; there's no upfront cost to join a CSA.
- The solar system provides credits on your utility bill, so you shift your payment for electricity from your utility to your Community Solar Array.
- The monthly CSA membership payments mimic the utility bills they're replacing. As always, our goal is to help you go solar with a monthly payment that looks a lot like what you're currently spending on utility power.
- The membership payments are fixed over the 20-year membership term. So, as utility rates increase, your solar payments are locked in. You end up saving more and more as utility rates rise.
- CSA membership guarantees a minimum level of power production from the solar array -- to make sure you get what you're paying for. If the solar system over-produces, the CSA members get the extra credit.

- You don't need to live near the CSA to join, you just need to share the same utility as the CSA host. You're connected not through wires but through the utility's billing system.
- Maintenance of the Community Solar Array is on us. We'll make sure the grass is mowed around the panels, the solar equipment is serviced over the 20-year membership term and the production guarantee is met.
- The paperwork is super easy; CSA membership payments are automatically deducted from your checking account on the 15th of the month, so there's nothing to forget and no wasted paper.
- CSA members can leave the community any time for any reason, paying a fee of 3 months of their typical bill to cover the CSA's expenses of replacing them with a new community member.

What's next?

Joining a CSA is simple. A quick credit check confirms eligibility in the Solar Community. Then we'll review the CSA membership agreement with you. If it makes sense, we'll provide you the membership forms to sign electronically. That's it! Your fixed monthly payments will begin when your Community Solar Array is up and running. And then you'll see your solar credits each month on your utility bill.

