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Solar power is within your reach.

You can power your home with solar energy and some help from NY-Sun. NY-Sun provides incentives to homeowners in New York to install solar electric systems.

The Affordable Solar Program, part of NY-Sun, doubles incentives for low- and moderate-income homeowners who want to install solar. The doubled incentive is available to homeowners with total household income less than 80% of the area or state median income.

Installing solar

There's a lot to think about before installing a solar electric system on your home. That includes understanding your options for choosing a NY-Sun Participating Contractor to install the system, and for paying the system's cost. Visit **nyserda.ny.gov/ny-sun** for resources such as the Step-by-Step Guide to Find and Prepare for an Installer and Solar Financing Options.

Let your solar contractor know if you think you might be eligible for the Affordable Solar Program. They can help you navigate the installation process, including completing the required Eligibility Application. You and your solar installer will then receive a letter stating whether you are eligible. Your installer handles the rest of the paperwork for the installation.

Get started

See the back page for some frequently asked questions about the Affordable Solar program and visit **nyserda.ny.gov/affordable-solar** for more information.

Email **affordablesolar@nyserda.ny.gov** if you have additional questions, or would like to receive any of the NY-Sun informational materials by mail.

Frequently asked questions about the Affordable Solar Program

Q: Does the NY-Sun Affordable Solar incentive go to the homeowner or the solar contractor?

Is it a grant, a tax credit, or a rebate?

A: All NY-Sun incentives are paid directly to the NY-Sun Participating Contractor that is hired by the homeowner to install the system. The contractor is required use the incentive to lower the cost of your installation. Additional state and federal tax credits may also be available for the homeowner.

Q: How can I find out how much NY-Sun incentive a solar installation on my home would receive?

A: Contact a NY-Sun Participating Contractor. The contractor can assess your needs and your home and provide details on the costs, incentives, and various purchase or financing options available. The incentive amount is based on the area of the state in which the home is located and the size of the solar electric system.

Q: Can I get the Affordable Solar Program incentives if I rent my home?

A: No. Visit nyserdera.ny.gov/shared-solar to learn how renters can get solar.

Q: What counts as household income?

A: All of the income sources of all the people over the age of 18 who live in the home count toward household income. Visit nyserdera.ny.gov/affordable-solar to find household income guidelines for your area.

Q: Do I submit my application for the Affordable Solar Program incentive myself?

A: No. The NY-Sun Participating Contractor submits all of the paperwork. The homeowner must complete an income eligibility application, stating and documenting the homeowner's gross household income.

Q: Can I qualify for the Affordable Solar incentive even if I am going to get a solar electric system installed through a loan, lease, or PPA?

A: Yes. The Affordable Solar incentive can be used with solar electric system purchases, direct loans, leases, or power purchase agreements.

Q: Am I required to have any energy efficiency changes made to my home to qualify for the Affordable Solar incentive?

A: Your NY-Sun Installer must confirm that you have installed energy efficient light bulbs (LED or CFL) in high-use areas of your home, and that you have low-flow showerheads and faucet aerators if your home has an electric water heater.

NY-Sun, a dynamic public-private partnership, will drive growth in the solar industry and make solar technology more affordable for all New Yorkers. NY-Sun brings together and expands existing programs administered by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), Long Island Power Authority (LIPA), PSEG Long Island, and the New York Power Authority (NYPA), to ensure a coordinated, well-supported solar energy expansion plan and a transition to a sustainable, self-sufficient solar industry.

NYSERDA, a public benefit corporation, offers objective information and analysis, innovative programs, technical expertise, and support to help New Yorkers increase energy efficiency, save money, use renewable energy, and reduce reliance on fossil fuels. NYSEDA professionals work to protect the environment and create clean energy jobs. NYSEDA has been developing partnerships to advance innovative energy solutions in New York State since 1975. To learn more about NYSEDA's programs, visit nyserdera.ny.gov or follow us on Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, or Instagram.