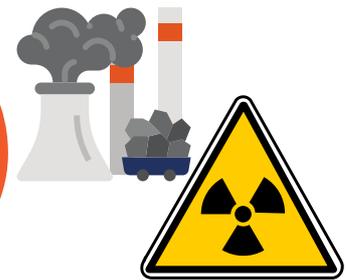




# Baltimore Renewable

Civic Works has partnered with Neighborhood Sun to spread the word about how you can save with community solar. Any BGE customer who pays an electric bill can get discounted solar energy without installations, fees or costs.

In Maryland, 89% of our energy comes from non-renewable, polluting sources like coal, gas and nuclear energy. Baltimore's trash incinerator is considered to be clean energy even though it pollutes our community.



Only 20% of Americans can use rooftop solar panels, but **EVERYONE** deserves access to clean energy. Participating in the Community Solar State Program is the most accessible and affordable (free) way to support the clean energy transition.

Anyone who pays an electricity bill can sign up to get their own dedicated share of the energy generated by a solar farm each month, leading to discounted energy costs and less demand for fossil fuels. Green your part of the grid and get a discount every month.



**BGE customers can get a 10% discount on energy costs every month!**

There are **NO** homeownership or location requirements for community solar, so renters can sign up too! Get solar with **NO** rooftop panels, **NO** installations, **NO** sign-up or cancellation fees, and no change to your utility provider.

When you sign up to a solar farm using Civic Works' link: [www.NeighborhoodSun.Solar/civicworks](http://www.NeighborhoodSun.Solar/civicworks) Neighborhood Sun will give a \$100 donation to them and a \$50 bonus to the subscriber.

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# Frequently Asked Questions

## **What is community solar with Neighborhood Sun?**

Did you know only 20% of Americans can access rooftop solar? Community solar eliminates the traditional barriers to solar, such as cost, location, and homeownership requirements. Any resident or business can subscribe their home to a share of the clean energy generated each month by a nearby solar farm. We work with your current utility provider to make sure that you receive your share of clean energy through the grid at a discounted rate. All you have to do is subscribe to your share of the solar farm through Neighborhood Sun to start saving money and preventing pollution each time you pay your electricity bill.

## **Is this too good to be true?**

Fortunately, it's not! Hey, we get it, community solar does sound too good to be true. But, there is still some good in the world, and we're going to help shed a bit of light on the beauty that is community solar. Since 2018, Neighborhood Sun has generated more than 214 Million kWh of clean energy, the equivalent of 167 Million pounds of coal NOT burned. Neighborhood Sun has also saved 13,000+ community solar subscribers over \$500,000 on electric bills by connecting them with a local solar farm.

## **Does community solar cost me anything?**

Nope! There are zero fees or additional costs— only money saved. There are no fees to join, no fees to cancel, no paying for solar panels or repairs —nothing except real dollar credits on your utility bill for the clean energy that was produced by your share of the solar farm. You will continue to receive a bill from your utility, though it will be lowered. You can cancel your subscription at any time, but it may take up to 90 days to process.

## **How do I get clean energy if it doesn't cost me anything?**

Harnessing energy from the sun is much cheaper than fracking for fossil fuels, and community solar is financially supported by state programs. You pay Neighborhood sun for the credit applied to your bill at the discounted rate your local solar farm offers. This payment is made about one to two months after you have received your solar energy credits, so you are always ahead of the game and you only pay for what you have already used. This is 100% local energy – not Pennsylvania, Kentucky, or West Virginia. Your Energy is made HERE and supports green jobs HERE.

## **If I sign up with Neighborhood Sun, what will happen to my regular utility bill?**

Once your subscription is initialized, your utility bill (BGE, Pepco, etc.) will show a credit each month, based on the amount of electricity (kWh) you consume and the utility's going price of supplying and distributing that electricity. So, you will pay less to BGE. But you will get a separate bill from Neighborhood Sun, for that credited amount, minus a fixed percentage discount (generally 5% to 10% depending on the solar farm you joined.) The percentage discount is guaranteed for the life of the contract with Neighborhood Sun, so if BGE's rate per kWh increases, your discount in dollar terms increases, too.