

What is the solar rewards community program?

By participating in the Program, a solar garden operator, sells or leases a portion of the garden energy output directly to the customer. Under its Solar Rewards Community Program, Xcel Energy will offer to purchase the energy and renewable energy credits (REC) generated from qualified solar gardens.

How do I qualify for Xcel Energy in Minnesota?

Be an electric residential or business customer of Xcel Energy in Minnesota. Have not received an incentive under the Solar\*Rewards program for another PV system installed at the service address. Ensure that the same PV project is also not a participant in the Made in Minnesota incentive program coordinated by the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

Do Xcel Energy customers qualify for net metering benefits?

In addition to receiving Net Metering benefits, customers who qualify under the terms of Income Qualified or Disproportionately Impacted Communities can receive an upfront rebate of \$1 per watt of installed solar up to 10kW AC. Must be an Xcel Energy residential or business electricity customer.

Can Xcel Energy generate my own electricity?

Generate your own electricity and get credit for producing more than your monthly usage. Important Note: Xcel Energy highly recommends that construction of your system SHOULD NOT commence until your application receives full approval from the Xcel Energy engineering team and all final agreements are fully signed.

What is an Xcel Energy RFP?

Under this offering Xcel Energy issues an RFP seeking bids to build solar gardens between 10.1 kW - 5 MW in size. The bids must include: a REC incentive price, the system location, a summary of the developer's experience, subscriber allocation commitments, project development plan, and other required information.

Which Xcel Energy audits qualify?

Other Xcel Energy fee based energy audits also qualify. Sign a 10-year Solar\*Rewards contract. Install a system that produces between 0.5 and 20.00kW. Systems of 20.01kW do not qualify. Install a PV system that

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produces less than 120 percent of the customer's annual energy use, based on the past 12 months of energy use.



The first link below is to the 2023 Solar Rewards Community RFP which includes instructions and forms for submitting bids. There are also links to other critical RFP documents. 2023 Solar Rewards Community RFP and Bid Forms opens a file in a new window; 2023 Solar Rewards Community Producer Agreement opens a file in a new window



Participate in renewable offerings and support the development of nearby solar gardens without the hassle of installing solar panels on your home or business. Solar\* Rewards Community is the nation's largest community solar program and gives you the opportunity to subscribe to a nearby, third-party community solar garden.



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Xcel Energy Solar\*Rewards Community Program  
P.O. Box 59 Minneapolis, MN 55440-0059  
Upload the signed and completed Application and/or  
Deposit form including a copy of the wire or check  
payment to the online application system. Email  
the Program Management team at  
SolarRewardsCommMN@xcelenergy.



Solar power plays a growing role in Xcel Energy's  
energy supply, providing the clean energy that our  
customers want and value, and helping us work  
toward our goal to provide 100% carbon-free  
electricity by 2050. For everyone: There are solar  
programs for all sorts of lifestyles. We have  
programs that make it possible to go solar without



During the 2023 Legislative session, the Minnesota  
Legislature made changes to the Community Solar  
Garden statute: Chapter 60 - MN Laws. The  
updates include sunsetting the "Legacy" program,  
operated by Xcel Energy, which will close to new  
applications on December 31, 2023.

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Solar\*Connect Community(R) makes it easier than ever to power your home, apartment, condo or business with Wisconsin-based solar energy. Subscribers share in the benefits of the local community solar gardens in the 3-MW Solar Connect Community program. The Eau Claire garden has been generating clean, renewable energy since October 2017.



Must be an Xcel Energy residential or business electric customer in New Mexico. How It Works Step 1 ??? Choose Your Subscription. When you enroll in the Solar\*Connect Community program, you will subscribe to a kilowatt (kW) share of the program. Each month the actual kWh energy production from your share will be used to calculate the charge



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No need to own your own home to participate in this program. Monthly savings directly on your electric bill, no separate bill for solar. Supports clean energy. If you get electricity from Xcel Energy or Black Hills Energy, and you move to a new home with that same provider, you can keep your solar savings on your new home.

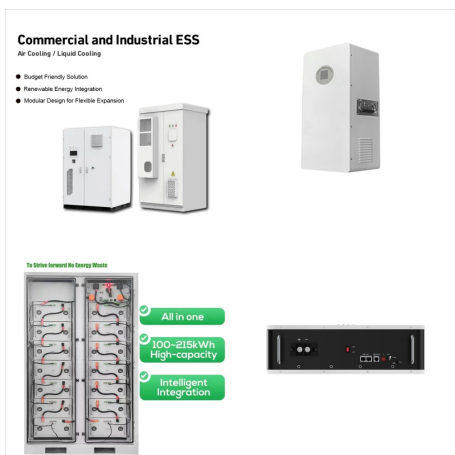


Xcel Solar\*Rewards Community Program. Through the Solar\*Rewards Community Program, Xcel purchases RECs from solar gardens to achieve the utility's renewable energy targets and provides solar garden subscribers with monthly credits on their electricity bill in relation to the number of shares in the solar garden.

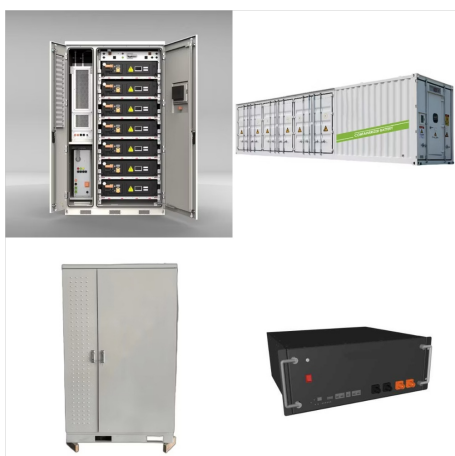


Xcel Energy, to submit a plan to the Public Utilities Commission under which the utility would provide customers the option to purchase electricity under a community solar garden program. A community solar garden is a neighborhood-scale solar energy system from which nearby

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Produce your own solar energy, and sell us what you don't use. Through our Solar\*Rewards(R) for Residences program, you install solar panels at your home so that you can produce your own energy. If you produce more than you need, the extra energy is added to our grid, and you receive a credit on your bill.

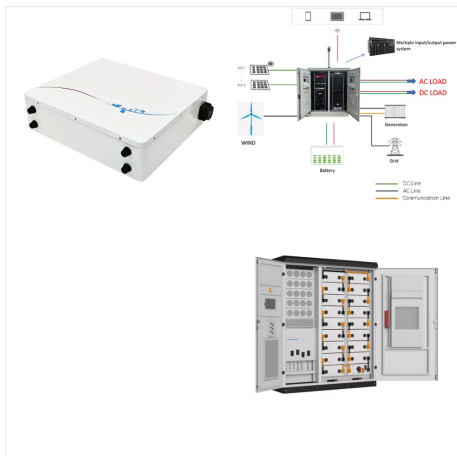


Xcel has also asked regulators for more time to solve a persistent and confusing issue for community solar. Customers currently receive two bills, one from the community solar developer and another from Xcel that includes credit for the electricity their subscription produces.



Xcel Energy owns four photovoltaic systems located on community partner sites in eastern and southeastern New Mexico through our New Mexico Community Solar program. Installed in 2009 and 2010, the systems total 77 kilowatts and feature different types of technology, including rooftop and ground-mounted solar photovoltaic panels and single- and

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Xcel Energy's (Xcel) CSG program was mandated by the Minnesota Legislature. For this reason, community solar garden programs offered by other investor-owned utilities, cooperatives, or municipal utilities may be quite different. Xcel administers the CSG program, which the Company refers to as "Solar\*Rewards Community." The Company



We support your interest in solar energy, which is why we offer several programs to meet your needs and interests. We're here to help guide you through your options and answer your questions along the way, so that you can make an informed decision.



The Solar\*Rewards Community program advances Xcel Energy's progress toward clean energy, which the company expects will assist in reducing its Colorado electric system's carbon output by 80% by 2030 from 2005 levels, with an aspirational goal of 100% carbon free energy by 2050.

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Xcel Energy is seeking, to advance our goal to reduce our electric system carbon emissions more than 80% by 2030, relative to 2005 levels, and ultimately provide 100% carbon-free electricity by 2050. We've gathered useful information for solar garden developers looking to participate in our Solar\*Rewards Community program.



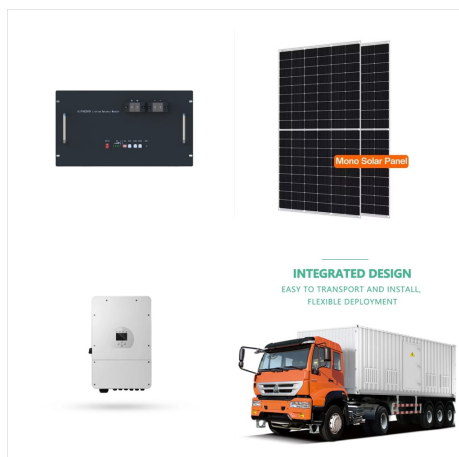
Our Solar\*Rewards Community(R) allows Xcel Energy customers to support solar energy without installing their own solar system. Through the program, Garden Operators own and interconnect a garden to the Xcel Energy electric grid, then sell or lease solar subscriptions to Xcel Energy customers. Before formally applying to the Solar\*Rewards



Enroll to discover affordable and clean solar energy - delivered to you with no equipment necessary. Tell Me More Solar\*Rewards(R) Go solar and get credited for any excess energy you produce with this incentivized program. Find Out More Solar\*Rewards Community(R)



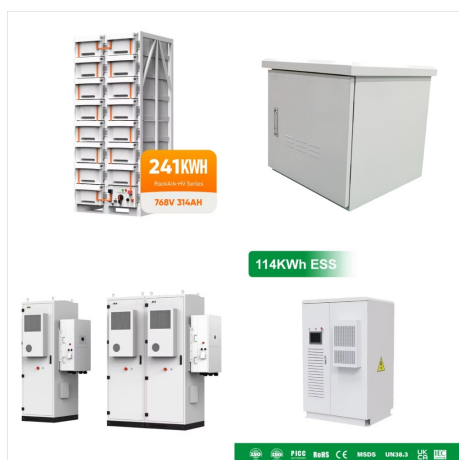
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This program comprises three community solar gardens, owned by Xcel Energy Colorado, and are the first 100% income-qualified community solar projects operated by an investor-owned utility. LMI Access: Xcel Energy's 6 MW of three community solar gardens are 100% dedicated to income-qualified subscribers and must qualify through Energy Outreach

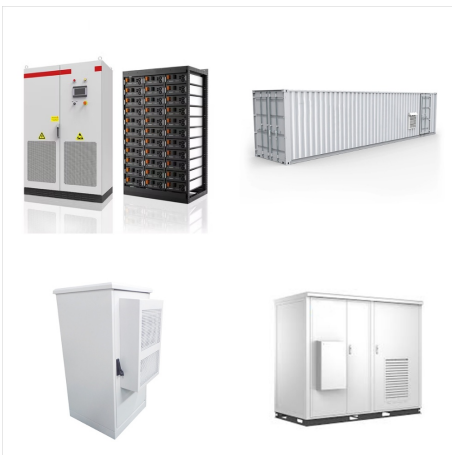


Did you know that as an Xcel Energy customer, you're already using renewable energy? Solar power, wind energy, and other sources all add up to create a diverse fuel mix to meet your energy needs. And if you're looking to reduce your carbon footprint even more, we offer a variety of renewable energy programs.

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What is community solar? Community solar ??? often referred to as a community solar garden ??? is an array of solar panels that generates clean and renewable electricity. Solar\*Connect Community, a locally sourced solar program in Wisconsin, includes solar gardens that are built, managed and maintained by a developer partner



Colorado first adopted community solar in 2010 with the passing of the Community Solar Gardens Act. Ten years later, the Centennial State remains a leader in community solar. Xcel Energy, the largest utility in the state, boasts of the nation's largest community solar program: Solar\* Rewards.