

# Solar for All

For Housing Owners and Managers



## Help your residents reduce their electric utility bills.

### RESIDENTS CAN:

**JOIN**  
**at no cost**  
**SAVE**  
**money**  
**USE**  
**clean energy**

call:  
**1-877-NYSMART**

email:  
**solarforall@nyserda.ny.gov**

visit:  
**nyserda.ny.gov/solar-for-all**

**Solar for All is a New York State program for low-income households.** Residents sign up via online or paper application through the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA) and receive community solar credits on their utility bill.

**There is no cost of any kind to the resident.** While Solar for All is only for residents, there are also opportunities for building owners to save money with community solar. You can email NYSEDA for more information and materials at [solarforall@nyserda.ny.gov](mailto:solarforall@nyserda.ny.gov).

### Solar for All eligibility requirements

#### Residents must:

- Pay for their own electric utility bill.
- Be located in a service territory that pays into the SBC.
- Be determined eligible (low-income is 60% State medium income) either through categorical or income eligibility.

### How you can participate

Housing providers can help reduce the monthly electric bills of their residents by informing them of the program and helping them apply. Be part of increasing the accessibility of solar technology to the individuals and families you serve.

### SPOTLIGHT

ROUSE RPC, Renesselaer County

*“Helping our residents sign up for Community Solar for All has been very easy and can help them save money on their electric bill; for our low-income seniors, it makes a difference.”*

– Bill Dessingue

#### ROUSE RPC's Best Practices

Distributed a simple flyer to make it clear that:

- 1) we will help them sign up (we use a simple waiver).
- 2) there is no cost for income-qualified residents.

We were quickly able to determine income and power usage eligibility because we had immediate access to the residents' information.



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OPPORTUNITY.

**NYSEDA**

## Application process

Residents can sign up directly by visiting [nyserdera.ny.gov/solar-for-all](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/solar-for-all), or can request a paper application by emailing [solarforall@nyserdera.ny.gov](mailto:solarforall@nyserdera.ny.gov), or calling 1-877-NYSMART.

### How the application process works:

1. Housing partners should review eligibility requirements at [nyserdera.ny.gov/solarforalleligibility](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/solarforalleligibility) to ensure that the program is a good fit for residents.
2. Residents or housing partners (on behalf of the resident) submits a completed application at [nyserdera.ny.gov/solarforall](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/solarforall) or mails a paper application. To complete an application, the following items are required:
  - A recent electric utility bill
  - Income documentation (see [nyserdera.ny.gov/solarforalleligibility](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/solarforalleligibility))
3. Within a few days of submission, the applicant or housing provider will receive an eligibility notification.
4. If a Solar for All subscription is available, the resident will start receiving a savings on their electric bill. If there are no subscriptions available at that time, the resident will be placed on a waitlist until one becomes available.
5. Once assigned to a community solar project, the resident receives credits on their electricity bill with no change to their current electric provider.

## Application tips

- If a resident does not have an email address, you can use an office email as a proxy.
- The entire application doesn't need to be completed in one sitting. Once an online application is started, the resident (or the housing partner) will receive an email containing a unique URL to finish the application process. However, it is encouraged to have all documents present to help expedite the NYSERDA review.

## Ways to encourage resident sign-up

- Send out instructions to residents on how to sign-up — the Solar for All **Program Fact Sheet** can be used to help.
- Offer to sign up residents during office hours or tabling events, and instruct them to bring their electric bill and income documentation.
- Place door hangers or flyers on resident's entrances informing them of the program. Be sure to include next steps such as the date of your sign-up event.
- Have volunteers work with residents one-on-one to assist with completing applications.
- Talk about the program at your next board or association meeting.

## How can building owners save money?

Building owners may be able to subscribe their own building meters to a community solar project at a discount to their regular utility cost.

## Ready to get started

For more information or questions on Solar for All, email [solarforall@nyserdera.ny.gov](mailto:solarforall@nyserdera.ny.gov), visit [nyserdera.ny.gov/solar-for-all](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/solar-for-all), or call 1-877-NY-SMART

For program materials, including a copy of the paper application, please visit [nyserdera.ny.gov/sfaresources](https://nyserdera.ny.gov/sfaresources).