

What size community solar garden subscription is best for you?

As long as your account is in good standing with Nova Scotia Power, you can apply to Nova Scotia's Community Solar Program to become a community solar garden subscriber. By subscribing to a community solar garden, you are supporting the province's goal of 80% renewable energy by 2030 and receiving benefits of solar generation without having it on your roof.

When you apply to become a subscriber, Nova Scotia Power will do all of the behind-the-scenes work for you to determine an appropriate subscription size, so don't worry about the math. Below is an overview of the process.

When you apply to become a community solar garden subscriber, Nova Scotia Power will review:

- Your past annual electricity use, and
- Your expected annual electricity use



From this information, Nova Scotia Power will:

- Figure out the maximum number of kilowatt hours you could offset with solar electricity each month.
- Translate this value into an appropriate subscription size measured in kilowatts because, although your electricity use is measured in kilowatt hours, your community solar garden subscription is measured in kilowatts.

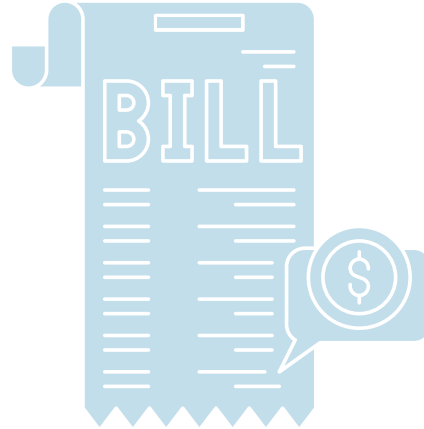


Learn more about community solar garden subscriptions on the [program website](#).

Did you know?

The average home in Nova Scotia uses about 12,000 kilowatt hours of electricity a year. In general, a community solar garden subscription of 8 kilowatts covers 100% of a subscriber's annual electricity needs.

How will your electricity bill change with a community solar garden subscription?

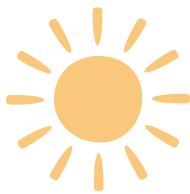


As a community solar garden subscriber, you will notice a new line at the bottom of your electricity bill called “solar energy credit.”

Solar energy credits provide a discount on your electricity bill based on your subscription size and the amount of electricity generated by the community solar garden.

Your solar energy credit will change throughout the year. This is because, while the value of the discount (\$0.02/ kilowatt hour) is the same for all subscribers and does not change over time, the amount of electricity that a community solar garden generates does change over time.

For example:



Your solar energy credit will be higher in the summer, when solar panels get more sun.



Your solar energy credit will be lower in the winter, when solar panels get less sun.

However, the discount of \$0.02/kilowatt hour will always stay the same.