

# COMMUNITY SOLAR

NOW, JUST ABOUT ANYONE IN ILLINOIS CAN GET SOLAR POWER FOR SOME OR ALL OF THEIR ELECTRICITY

## What is community solar?

Whether you're a residential or non-residential electricity customer, community solar allows Ameren Illinois and ComEd electricity customers to enjoy the benefits of solar energy, even if they can't install solar panels on their own property. Many people can't afford to install solar panels on their own homes, don't have space or enough sun, and/or they are limited by local zoning laws.

Community solar allows interested customers, or "subscribers," to help fund a solar installation in their area, and in return get credits on their electric bills.

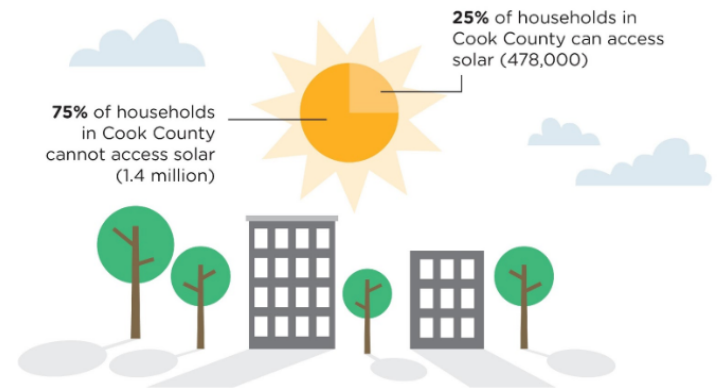


Image courtesy of the Cook County Office of Environment and Sustainability

## How does community solar work?

Solar panels are installed somewhere in the community and produce electricity.



Anyone with an electricity bill can subscribe and start accessing solar energy for their home.

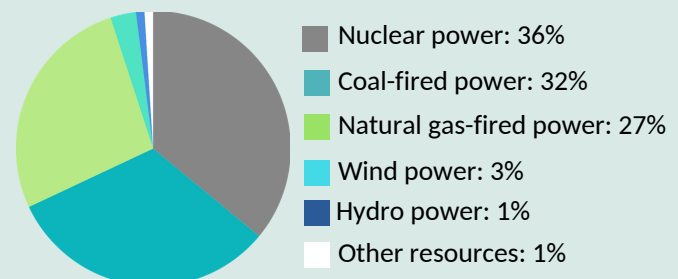


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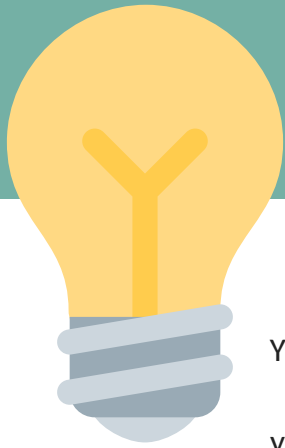


Solar power, whether generated on site or off site, can displace electricity in ComEd service territory that is still mainly from fossil fuel sources. Plus, every kilowatt-hour generated from solar power can save about one gallon of water.

### Energy Sources of ComEd Electricity



Source: ComEd Environmental Disclosure Report March 31, 2018



## How much community solar can I buy?

You can buy as much as you use. Most residences use between 5-10,000 kWh a year. If you have a non-residential account, you can buy over 1,000,000 kWh a year, depending on the size of your community solar system and your electric consumption. If your usage is much higher, there are other options to buy solar electricity, such as through a Power Purchase Agreement.

## What do I get by buying community solar?

- Competitive priced solar-powered electricity without a roof or changes to your building.
- Reduced greenhouse gas emissions and carbon footprint.
- Renewable energy added to the power grid increases electricity supply; lessens the need for aging, polluting power plants; and lowers market prices for all residents.
- It can help you save money or avoid rate increases on your electricity bill.



## How do I get involved with Community Solar?

For more information and to learn how to get involved visit:

- [CitizensUtilityBoard.org/solar](http://CitizensUtilityBoard.org/solar)
- [Illinoissolar.org/Community-Solar-Resources-/L](http://Illinoissolar.org/Community-Solar-Resources-/L)
- [ComEd.com/Solar](http://ComEd.com/Solar)
- [SolarInTheCommunity.com](http://SolarInTheCommunity.com)
- [ElevateEnergy.org/programs/solar-energy/](http://ElevateEnergy.org/programs/solar-energy/)

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