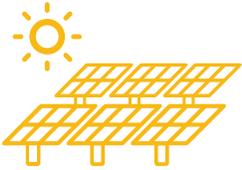


SOLAR OPTIONS

COOPERATIVE VS. ROOFTOP SOLAR

Considering solar energy for your home? You may have a few options, including Cooperative Solar offered by participating EMCs or a rooftop solar installation, or both. Learn the differences below.



COOPERATIVE SOLAR

Allows you to benefit from solar energy by subscribing to offsite solar facilities that are located in the most ideal conditions for solar energy production. Your local EMC takes on the risk of ownership and maintenance of the solar panels, while you receive your share of the sun without the hassle.

ROOFTOP SOLAR

Allows you to generate your own solar energy by installing solar panels on your rooftop. There are many important factors to consider to ensure that a rooftop solar system is designed to meet your needs, goals and financial objectives.

	COOPERATIVE SOLAR	ROOFTOP SOLAR
Benefit from solar energy without solar panels installed on your roof	✔	✘
Does not require you to own your home	✔	Unlikely If you want to install rooftop solar on a home you don't own, you'll need to gain approval from the homeowner and your neighborhood homeowners association.
Does not require modifications to your roof	✔	✘ A rooftop solar installation will require roof modifications to ensure that the panels are safety mounted.
Does not require management of potential shading from trees	✔	✘ Large trees can shade solar panels and limit their solar energy production. Nearby tree limbs may need to be trimmed from time to time.

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	COOPERATIVE SOLAR	ROOFTOP SOLAR
Does not require approval from your homeowners association		Maybe Based on your neighborhood covenants, your homeowners association may need to approve your rooftop solar installation.
Does not require you to be responsible for solar panel maintenance		 Just like other home appliances, routine inspections, monitoring and system cleanings will be important to keep your panels operating efficiently.
No long-term contract		Maybe Rooftop solar installations require a significant investment. Unless you pay for your system upfront, you'll likely need a financing arrangement to pay over time.
No financing fees		Maybe Based on how you choose to pay for your rooftop solar system, you may incur financing or leasing fees.
Interconnection agreement not required		 Completing your local EMC's interconnection agreement prior to a rooftop solar installation is required to ensure that your system meets safety and reliability requirements.