

Solar

Choosing the right fit for you.



Rooftop Solar

A good choice if:

- Your roof is:
 - ⇒ Unshaded, south facing, relatively new,
- You are planning to stay in your home for a long time

Community Solar

A good choice if:

- Your roof isn't adequate for solar
- You have lots of equipment on your roof already
- You rent, or plan to move soon

Program Elements	Rooftop Solar	Community Solar
Ownership	Lease or own	Purchase or subscribe to electricity from part of a community array
Cost	Lease with developer, or own & take federal tax credit, property tax credit + cash-flow positive loans available through MA Solar Loan Program	Varies: some free, require buy-in, or double-bill monthly (reduced electric bill + community solar bill)
Billing	Electric bill credits	Electric bill credits
Contract Length	Indefinite if own; solar leases are typically 20-25 years with option to own after	Varies; very short or long-term
Maintenance	Lease: owner is responsible. Own: you are responsible	Project developer maintains system
Property Value/Property Tax	Own: value typically increases; MA property tax exemption for solar	Not affected

For more on solar in MA: <https://www.mass.gov/solar-information-programs>



www.communitycleanenergyproject.org