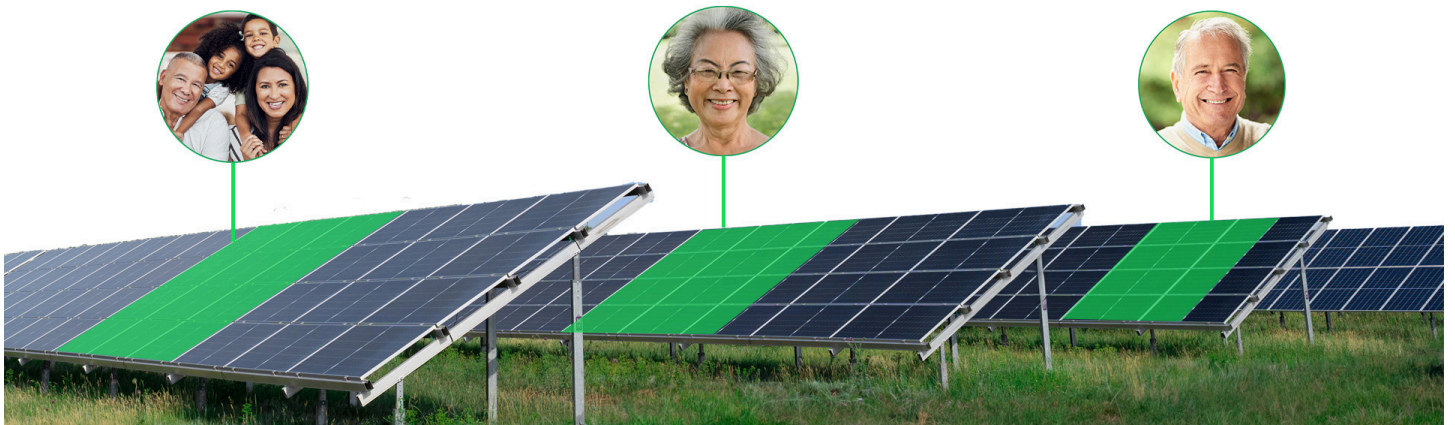




# Community Solar Program Guide

## Maine - Net Energy Billing Program

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## Summary

Maine's **Net Energy Billing** (NEB) program is designed to promote the development and adoption of solar energy across the state, aligning with Maine's broader goals of increasing renewable energy production and making it accessible to a wider range of consumers. This program provides significant opportunities for both residential and non-residential utility customers to benefit from solar projects, including community solar initiatives.

The NEB program encourages the development of community solar by allowing consumers to share in the costs and benefits of shared-solar projects located within their utility's service territory.

The program offers kWh credits for the electricity produced by community solar projects, which are applied to subscribers' utility bills. These credits can significantly reduce monthly electricity costs, and any unused credits may carry over to the next billing cycle, although they typically expire after one year.

# Program Details & Eligibility Requirements

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<b>State</b>	Maine																																																
<b>Utility</b>	Central Maine Power (CMP)																																																
<b>Upfront Enrollment Cost</b>	\$0																																																
<b>Subscriber Discount</b>	<p>15% guaranteed discount on kWh credits (Volumetric)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15% discount to <b>standard</b> all in rate, we will not bill at a discount to their competitive supply if they have one</li> <li>Customer will always pay minimum customer service charge of ~\$15 regardless of credit allocation</li> </ul>																																																
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## Process After Enrollment

### Once you're signed up, here's what happens next...

- We calculate how much solar energy you need based on your historical, annual electricity usage
- You receive an email to set up your MySolar Account, where you can update contact and payment information, access all your documents and invoices, and watch your monthly savings and positive environmental impact grow.

### Once the solar garden is built and generating electricity...

- We'll email you that your project is ready to generate Community Solar Credits (CSCs).
- You won't pay for your CSCs until you receive credits on your electric bill after a full month of solar production.
- Your CSCs reduce the total cost of your utility bill, so you 'll receive your Community Solar Invoice from Solar Gardens for those CSCs and be automatically billed using the provided payment method. This discount offered by Solar Gardens on your CSCs is why you always see savings between the two combined bills.

### While you wait, stay up to date...

- Look out for our emails that contain important company and project updates.
- Check out our [website](#) for helpful FAQs and resources.
- Follow us on social media for news regarding local events and promotions.

## How Billing Works

At Solar Gardens, we operate using a two-bill system, a standard across most community solar providers. This means that you will receive two separate bills for your electricity usage:

- One bill from CMP for the delivery of your electricity (kWh). This bill is reduced drastically with your solar credits (kWh).
- One bill from Solar Gardens for the Community Solar Credits you received (kWh). These credits are discounted at 15% to the standard CMP rate and purchased on auto-pay, helping subscribers avoid any hassle.

CMP Electric Bill	
Electric Usage	<b>+1000 kWh</b>
Solar Credits	<b>-800 kWh</b>
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Owed To CMP	<b>+200 kWh</b>
Standard Supply + Delivery	<b>\$0.18/kWh</b>
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Total Paid	<b>\$36</b>

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Community Solar Bill	
Solar Credits	<b>800 kWh</b>
Standard Supply + Delivery	<b>\$0.18</b>
15% Discount <small>(15% off rate of \$0.18/kWh)</small>	<b>-\$0.03</b>
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	<b>800 kWh</b>
	x
	<b>\$0.15 / kWh</b>
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Total Paid	<b>\$120</b>

= Invoiced for 800 kWh Credits

= Receive a 15% discount on CMP's standard supply and delivery charges

= Multiple kWh Credits by your discounted rate

= With Community Solar: **Pay \$156**  
= W/Out Community Solar: **Pay \$180**

- Example: If a customer uses 1000 kWh in a given month and receives 800 kWh in credits, they will pay CMP for 200 kWhs at the full rate and pay Solar Gardens for 800 kWh credits at a 15% discount to the standard rate
- Example: if a customer uses 700 kWhs and receives 800 kWh in credits, they will pay CMP the minimum customer charge, pay Solar Gardens at a discount for 800 kWhs, and rollover 100 kWh to the next month

## What Solar Credits Look Like On Your Electric Bill

### CMP Electric Bill - Page 2

Subscribers can see their solar credits on page 2 under the "Your Generation Details (kWh)"

**Your Central Maine Power Delivery Service Account Detail**

Prior Balance for Central Maine Power Delivery		\$21.55
Payments received - Thank you		<u>-\$21.55</u>
Balance Forward		\$0.00
Delivery Charges		
Delivery Charges: Residential ( 04/10/2024 - 05/09/2024 )		
Delivery Service:	0 KWH	
	Up to 50 KWH @ \$21.55	<u>+\$21.55</u>
Total Current Delivery Charges		\$21.55
Central Maine Power Account Balance		<u><u>\$21.55</u></u>

**Your Meter Details**

Read Cycle 07

Meter Number	Read Date	Meter Reading	Prior Read Date	Prior Meter Reading	Number of Days	Total kWh	
Use	G000000000	05/09/2024	67,941	04/09/2024	66,537	30	1,404

**Your Generation Details (kWh)**

You can find definitions and explanations of Net Energy and Distributed Generation invoices on our website at [cmpco.com/NEB-DG](http://cmpco.com/NEB-DG)

Fixed Percentage	Billing Period	Usage	Allocated Generation	Banked Generation	Unused Expired Credits
0.160000%	04/10/24-05/09/24	1,404	1,209	374	0
0.160000%	03/13/24-04/09/24	665	982	569	0
0.160000%	02/10/24-03/12/24	871	1,123	252	0
0.160000%	01/11/24-02/09/24	885	545	0	0
0.160000%	12/12/23-01/10/24	986	394	0	0
0.170000%	11/09/23-12/11/23	1,395	592	0	0

Please contact the Project Sponsor for details regarding the allocated generation credited to your account. You receive allocated generation produced by Riverside Solar.

1

The **Allocated Generation** column matches the kWh Credits received from your Community Solar project within that Billing Period. These **kWh Credits** and the previous month's **Banked kWh Credits** are applied to the recent month's electricity usage, reducing what you pay for electricity.

2

The **Banked Generation** column reflects your "banked" kWh credits, which are rolled over to the following month and applied as a reduction to your next month's kWh usage.

**What Your Community Solar Bill Looks Like With Solar Gardens**

**Community Solar Bill - Sample Invoice from Solar Gardens by Syncarpha**

Approximately 2 weeks after receiving your CMP electric bill (with credits applied to your bill), you will receive a separate bill from your Community Solar provider for the same credits you received.

These credits are then purchased at a **guaranteed discount**.

Your community solar discount may vary by provider though Solar Gardens offers a guaranteed 15% discount to the Standard Supply and Delivery Rate to all new Central Maine Power subscribers.

# SOLARGARDENS

by syncarpha

**Invoice Number:** 11111111  
**Invoice Period:** Apr 11 - May 10, 2024  
**Subscriber ID:** 1000000000000  
**Statement Date:** June 13, 2024  
**Due Date:** July 15, 2024

**Pay To:**  
**Riverside Solar LLC**  
250 West 57th Street, Suite 701  
New York, NY 10107  
(888) 557-6527  
syncarpha@solarforall.io

**Bill To:**  
SAMPLE CUSTOMER  
123 MAIN ST  
PORTLAND, ME 04101

## Description

Community solar production facility

Riverside

Production period Apr 11 - May 10, 2024  
Credits applied to your bill, account number 1234-5678-900 for **1,209 kWh**

**Amount**  
\$234.60

Savings (15%), account number 1234-5678-900

-\$35.19

**Subtotal:** \$199.41

**Total Amount Due:** \$199.41

## Payment Method

Your credit card on file

1

In your **Community Solar bill**, you will be invoiced for the total kWh Credits you received within that production period. This figure matches the figure on **page 2 of your CMP electric bill** under the **Allocated Generation column**.

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= (kWh) x (Standard Supply Rate + Delivery Rate)

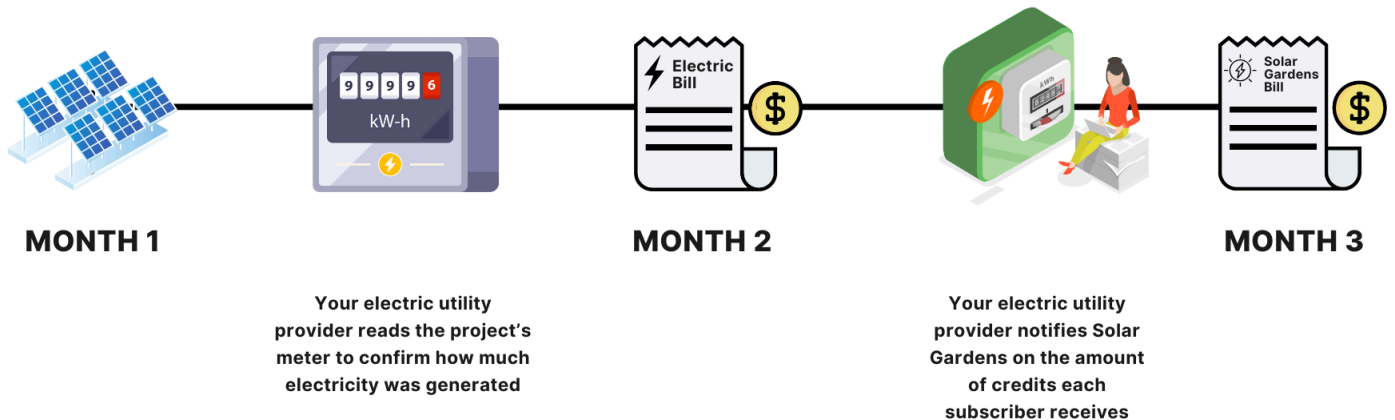
= **(1,209 kWh) x (\$0.108 + \$0.086)**

# Understanding The Billing Timeline

Your community solar project generates electricity throughout the month

Your credits from last month's solar production appear on your electric bill as a line item reduction

Solar Gardens invoices each subscriber for their credits at a guaranteed discount



## Frequently Asked Questions

### Community Solar sounds too good to be true...what's the catch?

There is no catch! Community Solar is a state-regulated program in over 22 states, and today, there are projects in over 41 states. Solar developers are incentivized by state policy to share the financial savings of solar energy with community members like yourself, and Solar Gardens, serviced by Neighborhood Sun, is helping to make it all possible!

### Does Community Solar cost me anything?

Nope! There is NO cost to join and NO equipment to install or maintain. In fact, you're guaranteed to SAVE money on clean energy credits by joining Community Solar with Solar Gardens. You will still pay your current utility provider for the electricity you use, but now it will come from a cleaner and more affordable energy source.

### Now that I've subscribed, what happens to my current utility bill?

As soon as your Community Solar project is generating power, you'll receive Community Solar Credits (CSC) directly on your electric bill, reducing the total amount owed to your utility. Your utility bill shows your remaining energy costs owed to the utility after your discounted CSCs have been subtracted from the total.

### How do Community Solar Credits (CSCs) work?

CSCs represent the value of the solar energy generated by your community solar share each month. As a CMP electric customer, your CSCs will appear on your monthly electric bill as a “kWh” reduction, reducing the total “kWh” usage that CMP normally charges.

As a Solar Gardens subscriber, your CSCs are guaranteed to be discounted at 15% to CMP’s “standard offer” for the full length of the project. Payment for your CSCs is always automatic and billed to the method you provided when you signed up. If you need help understanding how CSCs work in detail, please call or email us.

### **Why do I have to pay an invoice if it doesn't cost me anything?**

You pay Solar Gardens for your CSCs, but at a discount, providing you with guaranteed clean energy savings every year! The amount you owe CMP for electricity is greatly reduced by your CSCs, so the total combined cost between the invoice from CMP and the one from Solar Gardens is still lower than it would be over 12 months without the CSCs generated by your community solar share. Community solar helps you save money & support solar at the same time, ensuring that clean energy is accessible and affordable to ALL--not just the select few.



Project	Project Details	Image
Riverside	<b>Utility:</b> Central Maine Power <b>CS Project Size:</b> 6,531 kW DC <b>PTO Date:</b> 06/16/22 <b>Customer Count (Model):</b> 758	
Wiscasset	<b>Utility:</b> Central Maine Power <b>CS Project Size:</b> 6,440 kW DC <b>PTO Date:</b> 01/02/24 <b>Customer Count (Model):</b> 721	
Edgecomb	<b>Utility:</b> Central Maine Power <b>CS Project Size:</b> 5,612 kW DC <b>PTO Date:</b> 11/06/23 <b>Customer Count (Model):</b> 625	
Readfield	<b>Utility:</b> Central Maine Power <b>CS Project Size:</b> 6,270 kW DC <b>PTO Date:</b> 11/13/23 <b>Customer Count (Model):</b> 802	
Waldoboro	<b>Utility:</b> Central Maine Power <b>CS Project Size:</b> 5,997 kW DC <b>PTO Date:</b> 10/25/23 <b>Customer Count (Model):</b> 713	

## About Us

Solar Gardens is a community solar provider powered by its parent company, Syncarpha Capital. Syncarpha was established in 2009 with a mission to remove the roadblocks to widespread solar adoption across the United States and Canada. We firmly believe that clean, affordable, renewable energy should be accessible to everyone, regardless of one's economic circumstances or housing limitations. As a developer, owner, and operator of solar (PV) energy systems, we're able to extend solar access and savings to the communities we serve thanks to state-supported legislation.

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