

Idaho Needs Community Solar!

Not everyone owns a home or can afford to put solar panels on their roof.

Community solar is a way to let **EVERYONE** benefit from local solar power. Solar panels are put on a community building and the power is shared across the neighborhood!

Benefits of Community Solar

- Reduce energy bills
- Create local jobs
- More democratic control
- Build community wealth
- Increase power reliability
- Improve public health



Where Can Community Solar Projects Be Located?

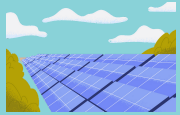
The possibilities are endless! A few examples include:



Community Buildings
(schools, churches, stores)



Parking Lots



Brownfields

Community solar improves solar access for:

- Renters
- Low-income households
- Folks w/ unsuitable rooftops



Who Owns The Solar Array?

- Cooperatives
- Nonprofits
- Municipalities
- **NOT investor-owned corporate utilities!**

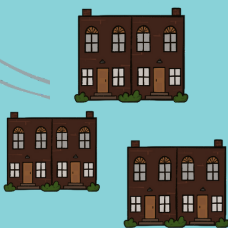


What Can Community Solar Look Like?



The community comes together to put solar panels on the local food co-op.

Local individuals, schools, businesses, and others sign up to receive energy from the panels.



Subscribers receive credit on their energy bill based on the energy the panels produce.



Household energy bills are lowered, and any excess from the system can be reinvested into the community!

Where the panels go or how the project comes to fruition can take many forms, but the benefits are consistent across community solar programs!



What's Standing In The Way?

Community solar requires utility cooperation to access the grid and adjust customer bills. However, many corporate utilities don't have community solar programs, and are often resistant to locally-owned solar because they prefer to own all energy resources to maximize their profits.



It's time to tell utilities, local officials, and regulators that we are ready to see equitable, community-owned solar power in our communities.

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