

COMMUNITY SOLAR *Panels*

AN AFFORDABLE, EFFORTLESS WAY TO ADD SOLAR POWER TO YOUR ENERGY MIX

COMMUNITY SOLAR BENEFITS

- > Lock in a portion of your energy costs
- > No upfront or maintenance costs
- > Protect against inflation
- > No changes to your property or installation barriers
- > Immediately available solar power

Sign up today! | butlerrural.coop or 513-867-4400

Butler Rural Community Solar allows members to purchase subscriptions to solar panels. Subscribers support the benefits of solar energy without incurring upfront costs and without having solar panels located at their home. Generating energy with solar power is a renewable energy source.

How much will I save on my bill?

The community solar rate is currently higher than energy produced by traditional resources, so participating in Butler Rural Community Solar will not decrease your monthly electric bill. The community solar rate is \$0.11157 per kilowatt-hour. **The average cost is approximately \$1 per month per panel with the solar credit applied.** This estimated cost will be in addition to participating members' current electric bills.

Members who participate in Butler Rural Community Solar can lock in the community solar rate for up to 20 years. This rate will remain constant for the duration of your agreement while other wholesale energy costs are subject to increase with market fluctuations.

You will continue to receive your monthly bill, and your bill will show a portion of your energy is produced by the solar panels you subscribe to and pay for at the community solar rate.

How many panels can I subscribe to?

There is a limit of ten panels per member.

Will equipment be hooked up to my home?

No. The power generated by Butler Rural Community Solar will be utilized on Butler Rural Electric Cooperative's distribution lines.

How does this increase sustainability?

Butler Rural Community Solar is a local power source, which allows cooperative members to have more control over a portion of their power supply.

How long is the agreement?

Members can choose a five, 10, or 20 year agreement. The Butler Rural Community Solar rate will be fixed during the agreement while other wholesale energy costs are subject to increase with market fluctuations.

How does community solar compare to installing solar at my home?

Butler Rural Community Solar gives members an opportunity to benefit from this clean energy source because it's built and maintained at a central location. This eliminates common barriers like trees, roof size, and house location that prevent people from installing solar panels on their property. Further, all ongoing costs are included in the subscription rate, so there is no need to worry about unexpected future costs.

Can anyone subscribe to Butler Rural Community Solar?

Only residential members in good financial standing with the cooperative can subscribe to panels. Butler Rural Community Solar is intended for members who want to participate in renewable energy without the liability and costs of home-installed solar energy. Members who participate in net metering and net billing cannot participate in community solar.

What happens if I move?

If you move to another location within the cooperative's service territory, your subscription can move with you! If you move out of the service territory, you can return your subscription to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative at no cost.

What if I cancel the agreement early?

The subscription may be returned to Butler Rural Electric Cooperative by paying an administrative fee of \$50 per panel.



SAVE TIME AND MONEY WITH *Auto Pay*

ENTER TO WIN A \$50 BILL CREDIT

Due to postal delays, members have experienced issues with the timely delivery of monthly bills and payments. Auto Pay with Bank Account helps avoid the stress of waiting on the mail and submitting a payment on time — it happens automatically each month on the due date.

Auto Pay with Bank Account

Concerned about missing a payment or having a late charge? With Auto Pay with Bank Account, you do not have to worry. You will continue to receive a bill so you can review charges. Since your payment is deducted from your checking or savings account, you will not need to remember to update a new card number or expiration date. You can cancel automatic payments at any time with 10-days notice.

**Offer available to new participants only. Must signup for Auto Pay with checking or savings account ONLY. If you do not use the internet, call us at 513-867-4400 to request a form to sign up.*

Sign up for Auto Pay with Bank Account

1. Log in to SmartHub
2. Click on Bill & Pay then Auto Pay Program
3. Accept the Auto Pay Terms & Conditions
4. Select Enroll under Auto Pay Enrollment
5. Follow the instructions and continue paying your bill until your statement reads "Automatic Payment – DO NOT PAY!"

WIN \$50

Each month through September, we will give away two \$50 bill credits to members enrolled in Auto Pay with Bank Account.

Winners will be notified and announced in *Ohio Cooperative Living* magazine.

Learn more

- To create a SmartHub account, visit butlerrural.coop > My Account > Account Management > About SmartHub
- Contact us at butler@butlerrural.coop, 513-867-4400, or in person Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



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