

Cummington, Goshen, Windsor and Worthington

Solarize Mass Program Seeking Participants!

The Towns of Cummington, Goshen, Windsor and Worthington have partnered and won a Solarize Mass grant. Our approval means we qualify for a group purchasing agreement resulting in discounts on purchasing solar photovoltaic (PV) systems.

All home owners or businesses in the four towns would qualify for this group discount.

There is no obligation to signing up for a FREE site screening.

The price of solar PV system will go down as more of our neighbors sign up with Solarize Mass group purchase project.

Q: Who is eligible for discounts?

A: *Anyone who owns a home or business in Cummington, Goshen, Windsor and Worthington.*

Q: How much are the discounts?

A: *We will merge all the homes interested into a single proposal bid. The more homes sign up to buy a solar PV system, the more the price drops. Other communities have seen 20% savings. Our goal is to get at least 50 to 100 new solar PV systems in the 4 towns.*

Q: What if I don't have a good roof for solar: Shaded, slate, not south facing?

A: *You may have a good location for a ground mounted array on your property. Or, we can try to help match you with another family in town to share a roof or to share a ground mounted systems.*

Q: How long does it take to pay off the system?

A: *It depends on the size of the system. This program can cut 10-20% off the cost of the system up front. Federal income tax credits currently return 30% of what you spend on the system, PLUS \$1,000 MA State income tax credit, AND there are State SREC's (Solar Renewable Energy Certificates) which can be sold, based on how much energy you produce. Of course there are savings on your electric bill too, that will reduce the life cycle cost! Most systems will pay for themselves in less than 6 years.*

Q: Are there loan programs to help with the setup costs?

Yes I Want Solar!

FOR UPDATES: Go to <https://www.facebook.com/SolarizeMassWCGW>
type in **Solarize Mass-WCGW**

CONTACT US: Email or call one of our town volunteers.

Let our Solar coaches walk you through the process with no obligations.

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How to Get Started Saving Energy:

- 1) Start with energy conservation measures. The less electrical energy you use, the smaller and less expensive a solar PV system you will need to match your energy needs. (For example: Turn off lights that are not being used, unplug power drainers, upgrade to Energy Star appliances when replacing.)
- 2) How much energy do you use per month? Compare your monthly bills or call and ask your local electric company to send a chart of your previous 1-2 years electrical usage.
- 3) Get a **FREE Mass Save Energy Audit:** 800-666-3303

A: Yes, in mid-December 2015, Governor Baker announced \$30 million in low interest loans for MA residents investing in solar projects to help them purchase these systems (rather than get caught up in a long term leasing programs).

These loans are now available via 12 lenders statewide. Check <https://massolarloan.com> for details

Learn how loans and tax credits work at upcoming town workshops.

There has never been a better time to GO SOLAR!

for your home and/or business. The experts will do an onsite assessment; provide a written report that includes recommendations to on how to save additional energy usage and money too!



Learn More about Solarize Mass

<http://www.masscec.com/get-clean-energy/residential/solarize-mass>