

# **SOLAR WITHIN REACH**

#### INCREASED CASH INCENTIVES MAKE IT MORE AFFORDABLE TO ADD SOLAR + STORAGE



#### **SOLAR WITHIN REACH INCOME GUIDELINES**

| Household<br>size | Gross annual income max.* |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 person          | \$62,530                  |
| 2 people          | \$81,770                  |
| 3 people          | \$101,010                 |
| 4 people          | \$120,252                 |
| 5 people          | \$139,492                 |
| 6 people          | \$158,732                 |
| 7 people          | \$162,341                 |
| 8 people          | \$165,948                 |
|                   | *Effective July 2023      |

Put Oregon's abundant solar energy to work to power your home and reduce your monthly energy costs. More than 25,000 Oregonians have taken control of their energy costs by generating clean, renewable energy from the sun. Adding battery storage allows solar to do even more, providing backup power for outages. To help make solar or solar + storage more affordable, Energy Trust of Oregon offers increased cash incentives for income-qualified households through Solar Within Reach.

#### Solar is becoming more affordable

When you combine Energy Trust's increased Solar Within Reach incentives with a 30% federal energy tax credit, Oregon state rebate and reduced energy bills for decades to come, solar may be more within reach than you realized.

#### Save on your energy costs every year

Most solar homes have about 23 panels, which could save homeowners more than \$1,000 annually on energy bills.

### Your solar trade ally contractor takes care of the details

Energy Trust's qualified solar trade ally contractors are trusted professionals who can:

- Confirm that your home is right for solar
- Explain how solar + storage works
- Provide a bid that clearly shows your cost after incentives
- Estimate your annual energy generation and cost savings
- Discuss loan options
- Install your system
- Take care of permits utility interconnection and incentive paperwork





#### **OTHER OPPORTUNITIES**

Solar incentives: Energy Trust offers separate incentives for homeowners whose income is above the maximum Solar Within Reach income guidelines. Learn more at www.energytrust. org/solar-for-your-home or call 1.877.777.4018.

Savings Within Reach: Energy Trust also offers increased incentives to help you use less energy and make your home more comfortable. For more information go to www.energytrust.org/savingswithinreach or call 1.866.368.7878.

Oregon Community Solar Program: If your roof is too shady for solar or you rent, you can subscribe to a community solar program and get credits on your electricity bill. Learn more at www.oregoncsp. org.

#### **FINANCING**

Your solar contractor will be able to offer simple and affordable loan options. Or, you can talk with your bank or credit union to see if they offer loans for energy improvement projects.

## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

Establish your eligibility

To qualify for Solar Within Reach, you must own a home located in Oregon and served by Portland General Electric or Pacific Power.

Get a bid from a contractor

Visit **www.energytrust.org/solarbid** or call 1.877.777.4018 to get a bid from a qualified contractor. To qualify for an incentive, your solar system must be installed by an approved solar trade ally contractor eligible to offer the Solar Within Reach incentive. Visit **www.energytrust.org/solarwithinreach** for tips on how to choose your contractor

Sign a contract and go solar

Prior to installing your solar system, your contractor will ask you to sign an incentive application and an income verification form to confirm your eligibility. Your contractor will submit your paperwork to Energy Trust.

Your solar trade ally contractor will install your solar panels and show you how they operate. They can also install a battery storage system if you choose. Your Energy Trust incentive will be paid directly to your contractor, who will deduct the incentive amount from your invoice, reducing your out-of-pocket cost.



Visit www.energytrust.org/solarwithinreach or call 1.877.777.4018 to get started today.

Incentives are subject to funding availability and may change.

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