

FAQs

Solar Projects & the Community

What is utility-scale solar?

Unlike the solar panels you might see on a rooftop, utility-scale solar power produces larger quantities of electricity to be sold to outside entities. These panels can often be found on large, open areas. The Solar Energy Industries Association defines utility-grade solar as a project that **generates more than 1 megawatt** (MW) of solar energy, which powers a national average of 173 homes.

Where does the electricity generated by solar projects go?

The electricity generated from utility-grade solar projects is channeled **directly** into the electric grid. This can power anything from homes, schools, businesses, local governments and more, providing consumers with a cheaper, more reliable energy source.

How do solar projects benefit local communities?

Individuals, families and local governments save money with solar energy, and solar projects support critical jobs in construction, engineering, operations, maintenance, and more. Local communities benefit from increased revenue, and households and businesses save money thanks to tax credits that make installing solar systems cheaper.

Will solar projects harm property values?

No. In fact, homes with solar panels see an increase in value. According to **Zillow**, homes with solar-energy systems sold for 4.1% more on average than comparable homes without solar power.

