



Add Solar to Your Home!

Dear Proud Ground homeowner,

Earlier this year, Proud Ground established a partnership with a new Portland-based nonprofit organization, Solar for All, Inc. Solar for All's mission is to fund the installation of solar electric (photovoltaic) panels on affordable homes throughout Oregon at no cost to the housing provider, or the homeowner. Solar for All purchases all solar panels from Solar World USA (made locally in Hillsboro!).

The solar panels will generate electricity (even when it's cloudy outside), and reduce both your electric utility bill and your carbon footprint. Each system can save the homeowner up to \$400 per year and can eliminate the release of up to 3,000 lbs. of carbon-dioxide annually, which is the equivalent of 152 gallons of gas (please note: neither Proud Ground nor Solar for All can guarantee any savings; these figures are based on estimates.)

Our first joint installation was completed in March of 2015, and we are now looking for the next round of Proud Ground homeowners to participate in this new program. We hope to serve up to five Proud Ground homeowners a year through this program.

What is required to participate in this program?

1. Homeowners must be in 'good standing'. This means:
 - Current on Proud Ground monthly lease/service payments.
 - Mortgage is current.
2. Home requirements—roof age, condition, and orientation:
 - a. There must be 10 years of life remaining on the roof of the home (in other words, the roof is no older than 20 years, with normal wear and tear). If your application is accepted for review, Solar for All's installer will complete a physical assessment of your roof to determine suitability.
 - b. The roof must be south- or west-facing, with almost no shading from trees to the south and/or west of the home. If your application is accepted for review, Solar for All's installer will confirm your roof is solar-appropriate.
3. The homeowner must agree and sign on to the Solar for All program participation requirements (see Application).
4. Interested? Please complete and submit the attached application to solar@proudground.org or mail to Proud Ground-Solar, 5288 N Interstate Ave., Portland, OR 97217—and let us know that you are interested in adding solar electricity to your Proud Ground home!

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Who is Solar for All?

Solar for All, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization funding the installation of photovoltaic solar electric systems on affordable homes developed by local, public, and private entities—including nonprofit organizations like Proud Ground.

Solar For All's commitment to you, the homeowner

Solar for All takes care of all the steps to have solar panels installed on your home—at no cost to you, or to Proud Ground.

We work with a solar leasing company, SunRun, to provide a 20-year, prepaid lease to pay in advance for all the power your solar panels will provide for the next two decades. **And SunRun is responsible for any maintenance needed on your system while it's on your roof.**

We work with the state of Oregon, and your power provider – PGE – to complete all required paperwork for the certification of your solar system after the completion of installation.

Your role

You will still need to make monthly payments to your electric utility provider after the solar panels are installed on your home: There is a minimum monthly fee for grid connection (approximately \$12/month as of December 2014), and for each kilowatt-hour (kwh) used beyond what your solar panels produce each month (currently approx. \$0.06/kwh).

By participating in this program, **you agree to sell the State of Oregon's Residential Energy Tax Credit (RETC) connected to this project, and sign over the proceeds to Solar for All**; this covers a large portion of our costs to provide your solar panels. You will sign a contract with Solar for All agreeing to sign over the RETC check you will receive a few months after installation is completed, after the state verifies all the required paperwork.

You will need to sign the pre-paid lease contract with SunRun (Solar for All pays the bill).

You will need to sign various documents for the State of Oregon, and your power company, to enable your solar panels to be connected to the grid, and send any extra electricity generated back to your power provider (your account will be credited for any extra electricity generated – usually in the summer – and you will be able to use those credits – usually in the winter – when you use more power than your panels produce).

Interested?

If you have checked your roof and confirmed that it faces south or west, has minimal shading, and is in very good condition and no more than 20 years old, your home may qualify for this program! Complete the attached application to take the next step.