

Why Doesn't NPU Offer Net Metering?

Under Connecticut law, municipal electric providers are not required to offer net metering. Net metering does not take into consideration all of the other costs assumed by NPU to deliver electricity to your home:

- Infrastructure – poles, wires, transformers, trucks, storm response, wages and benefits of employees, etc.
- Net metering would be the equivalent of your neighbors covering these additional costs for you – subsidizing your preference, not necessity – of having solar power on your home.

Sample Electric Bill from NPU

For customers with solar systems

Customer Charge	\$11.80
Solar Meter Charge	\$7.30
Electricity Used (900kWh)	\$112.69
Purchased Power Adj.	\$46.85
Energy Efficiency Fund	\$2.50
Electric Capital Tracker	\$1.16
Excess Energy Sales to NPU*	-\$13.73
Electric Total Charges	\$168.57

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If you are leasing your solar system, in addition to your NPU electric bill, you will also receive an electric bill from your solar company.

Average Total Solar System Cost:

\$31,150*

**per gosolarCT.com*

Tips for Evaluating Solar Power Proposals:

- Get multiple itemized quotes
- Be aware of high pressure sales tactics
- Set realistic expectations for savings
- Do not expect a check from your utility company each month
- Know the rules on tax credits and rebates
- Do your homework on homeowners insurance

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SOLAR PROGRAM

Effective July 1, 2015, NPU initiated a “solar rate” for any customer with a photovoltaic system on their home that generates less than 10 kilowatts.

Meter Charge: Solar customers will be assessed an additional \$7.30 monthly customer charge to cover the cost of installing, maintaining and reading an additional meter.

Excess Energy: Any excess energy generated and returned to NPU will be reimbursed on a monthly basis (through a credit on your bill) based on the average monthly, Connecticut ISO-New England Locational Marginal Price (LMP), adjusted for system loss.

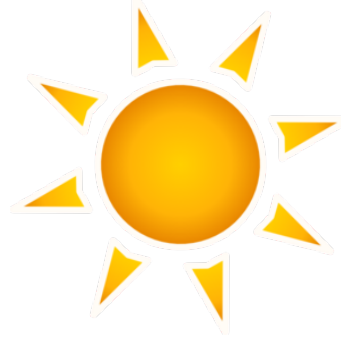
Net Metering: NPU does not offer net metering and any credit from NPU will be at a lower rate than what is delivered from NPU.

Contractors: Should you choose to move forward with a solar system installation, it is against NPU policy to recommend any contractor over another. You are free to use any solar installer of your choice; we will work with any company.

Rebate: NPU will provide a one-time rebate of \$0.675 per watt, up to \$6,750, on a 10kW (or less) customer owned system. The rebate will be issued when the system is commissioned.

Norwich Community Solar Gardens

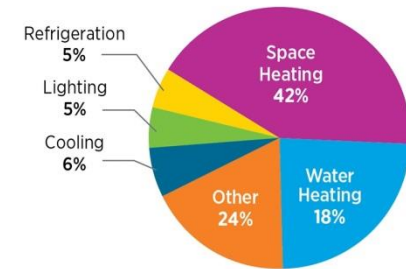
NPU is working with the Connecticut Municipal Electric Energy Cooperative (CMEEC) to develop two community solar gardens on the site of the former Rogers Road landfill and Stott Avenue in Norwich.



At full capacity, the new solar gardens will generate up to 8 megawatts of electricity, which is enough to cover the annual electric use of over 1,000 homes.

This new renewable energy will be blended into NPU’s electric supply, which in addition to our hydropower generation, increases the renewable portion of our portfolio to more than 12%.

Other Ways You Can Save



Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Heating accounts for the biggest portion of your utility bills. Upgrading your heating system and converting to natural gas offers one of the largest and quickest potential paybacks.

Home Energy Savings: NPU customers are eligible to partake in our FREE home energy audit program that provides on-the-spot service and instant savings – Call to sign up at 1-877-878-3006, ext. 108.

NPU Rebate Programs: We offer a suite of rebates available for:

- Energy Star window A/C
- Energy Star water heaters
- Attic Insulation
- Central A/C and/or heat pump
- Natural gas heating conversions
- High efficiency natural gas heating systems