



## 2026 ROOFTOP SOLAR REBATE



### PROGRAM GUIDE

FOR RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS INSTALLED AND HAVING PASSED FINAL INSPECTION. **100% COMPLETED APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF PASSING FINAL INSPECTION**.

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Rebates will be issued as a check payable to the ratepayer.

#### Requirements

- No incentives awarded until the project is complete, system is operational and has passed final inspection by the Village of Winnetka.
- Applicants must own their own solar systems. Leased systems are ineligible for the incentive.
- All incentives will end for the year when budgeted funds are awarded. There will be no waiting lists. Only projects purchased on or after January 1 of the new funding year will be eligible for an incentive award. Projects purchased (contract signed), permitted, or installed in the calendar year when all funding is expended will not be eligible for incentives in future years.

#### TIPS TO APPLY FOR THE SOLAR INCENTIVE:

- Complete and submit the signed Solar Energy Reimbursement System Specifications page you **obtain from your installer** with the requested documentation.
- Please see the checklist at the bottom of the application.
- Be sure to review the Solar checklists developed by the Community Development Department (C.D.) for a [smooth installation and inspection process](#), and [their installation permit information packet](#).

#### Required documentation for rebate (JPG or PDF formats only):

1. The dates you purchased/installed the system. Provide documentation showing when it was purchased/installed. **Please submit your signed and dated purchase agreement with the # of modules/panels installed.**
2. A signed certification paragraph from you that your new solar system was purchased, installed, and passed a final inspection. Include customer name, electric account number (can be found on your utility bill), project address, project description, date completed, installation contractor name and address, and final project cost excluding any financing charges. List any other rebates, SREC incentives, and tax credits.



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3. A signed, dated copy of the Solar Compliance form you submitted as part of your permit package.
4. A copy of your **paid** invoice for the solar system. It should be marked as paid from the vendor and show the Final Project Cost of the Solar system excluding Batteries, Monitoring Equipment, Tax. **Provide invoices from your installer showing an itemization of the solar equipment purchased and installed at your address. It should include a detailed system description, specifications on # of panels, energy production, and rated kw capacity in kW at AC inverter. It should also itemize your net cost including any rebates, ILLINOIS SREC incentive payments, etc. you qualified for.**
5. Your Winnetka building permit #, and date you passed final inspection.
6. Solar Systems Specification form completed and signed by installer. [Download the form for your installer to complete and sign.](#)



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### **Rooftop Solar Incentive Program General Terms & Conditions**

*Please review the Terms & Conditions for the Village of Winnetka's Rooftop Solar Energy System Incentive Program and confirm as part of your application.*

#### **Residential Solar Incentive Program General Terms & Conditions**

Applicant hereby affirms the rooftop solar equipment has been installed. Applicant acknowledges that all work is subject to on-site work verification and inspection as may be required by the Village of Winnetka's Water & Electric (W&E) Department. Applicant is aware of and agrees to the Terms & Conditions stated below.

### **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

#### **APPLICATION**

##### **Customer Responsibilities**

1. The customer hereby agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the Winnetka W&E and its employees, from all liability associated with the solar program.
2. The customer must sign the application, and upon doing so, agrees to all program requirements, including all terms and conditions.
3. The customer shall ensure that all appropriate permits have been obtained and that deed restrictions or homeowner's association restrictions do not prohibit the installation of the proposed PV system.
4. The customer must sign, complete, and submit the PV incentive application. The incentive application must be accompanied by the manufacturer's capacity rating (kW) — (DC and maximum continuous output in kW AC to 1 decimal place (at AC inverter); and expected annual kWh production.
5. It is the customer's responsibility to ensure that the PV system/equipment is installed and maintained in accordance with the current Winnetka W&E terms & conditions, standards, guidelines, and policies.
6. The customer agrees to provide access to Winnetka W&E personnel or its agents to the solar equipment and meters for as long as the solar system is installed.
7. It is the customer's responsibility to schedule project inspections with the Village of Winnetka Community Development Department Inspection Dispatch at 847-716-3527. Prior to beginning work, applicants must obtain all required permits. Failure to schedule and pass inspections will disqualify customers from receiving an incentive.
8. 100% COMPLETED APPLICATIONS/DOCUMENTATION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 6 MONTHS OF PASSING FINAL INSPECTION.



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### ELIGIBILITY

1. The incentive recipient must be a residential or commercial Winnetka W&E customer and the owner of the premises. The customer must have a Winnetka W&E service account number, and the equipment must be installed at the specified address.
2. **The customer must own the PV system. Leased systems are ineligible for the incentive.**
3. The Winnetka W&E program guidelines and incentive levels are subject to change without notice, and the Winnetka W&E reserves the right to refuse any incentive application that does not meet the Winnetka W&E or Village of Winnetka requirements.
4. All incentive applications must include proper documentation (paid invoices, system capacity, proof of passing inspection, etc.) to receive incentive.
5. Customers who receive a Winnetka Solar Incentive are limited to 1 incentive award. If they later add to their solar system, the new project will be ineligible for an additional incentive.

### INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS

1. All solar system installations must be completed in accordance with all laws, codes, and other requirements applicable under federal, state, and local authority (permits, inspections) and all appropriate Winnetka building permits must be obtained.
2. The installer is responsible for all warranties. The Winnetka W&E is not responsible for any contractual and/or construction disputes between the installer and the customer. All PV systems must be interconnected, at customers' expense, to the Winnetka W&E's electrical grid. All PV systems must comply with current Winnetka W&E guidelines, technical requirements, and standards governing interconnection with Winnetka's electric system, and any subsequent revisions to these guidelines. These and other requirements are subject to change.
3. All equipment needed for a renewable energy system is installed, owned, and maintained by the customer. The Winnetka W&E owns the electric meter.
4. Customers must provide the Winnetka W&E access to all applicable meters for billing and inspection purposes.
5. A residential solar utility customer's maximum nameplate rating can be no greater than 110% of the customer's average peak kilowatt demand for the last three (3) years. However, the incentive is limited to 10 kW (\$3,000 Max. - \$300 per kW at AC Inverter) for solar residential systems. Applicants must own their own solar systems. Leased systems are ineligible for the incentive.
6. The system must be installed by an electrician registered as an Electrical Contractor with the Village of Winnetka.
7. Once energized (placed in service), systems receiving an incentive from the Winnetka W&E must adhere to the Winnetka W&E's terms and conditions, guidelines and policies and cannot be disconnected or moved without prior approval.
8. The solar system must be placed in service within the Winnetka W&E's service area.
9. Incentives are based on system size. Incentives are capped at 50% of the installer's invoice cost less other rebates, SREC incentives, and tax credits.



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10. Incentives will end when all funding is expended. Projects PURCHASED OR INSTALLED in the calendar year when all funding is expended will NOT be eligible for future incentives.

### **APPROVAL AND VERIFICATION**

1. All equipment including inverters and panels must be new.
2. All installed PV systems must carry a 5-year warranty from the installer. Solar modules must carry a 20-year warranty from the manufacturer. Inverters must carry at least a 5-year manufacturer warranty without battery back-up.
3. Batteries and system monitoring equipment costs, including software, will not be covered under the incentive.
4. The incentivized solar PV system can't be removed from the Winnetka W&E service territory.
5. A solar PV system that has received an incentive may be relocated only within the Winnetka W&E service territory, and the following conditions apply:
  - a. The relocated system will not be eligible for another incentive.
  - b. The customer of record must inform the solar program administration by sending an email to [sustainability@winnetka.org](mailto:sustainability@winnetka.org) providing a description of their relocation intent and contact information.
  - c. The new transferee, if applicable, shall be required to obtain the Winnetka W&E's approval of the relocated system by submitting a new application and following the solar PV system program application process. The relocated system must meet all requirements under the solar PV system program.
  - d. The relocation effort and installation must be accomplished in accordance with current Winnetka W&E rules and regulations, service standards and technical and operational requirements.
  - e. The Winnetka W&E is not responsible for any relocation costs.
6. Prior to, or after paying any incentive, the Winnetka W&E and the Village of Winnetka reserve the right to conduct a site visit or audit to verify that the installed equipment is eligible for an incentive. An incentive will not be paid if the Winnetka W&E is unable to conduct any required site visit/audit or verification.



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### **PAYMENT**

A rebate check in the amount listed above will be mailed to the account address. Please allow six (6) weeks for rebate check. Payment processing may take longer if information is missing on the application. Please call 847-716-3515 if you have any questions about your rebate credit.

### **ADDITIONAL TERMS**

#### **Incentive Violations**

1. The customer's failure to adhere to all the Winnetka W&E solar program terms and conditions, requirements, standards, policies, and guidelines shall constitute a violation and result in the customer forfeiting his/her right to the incentive and require the customer to refund the incentive to the Winnetka W&E.
2. The customer shall refund a prorated portion of the incentive to the Winnetka W&E, if it is determined that the system/equipment has not been installed or maintained pursuant to the Winnetka W&E's Terms and Conditions, standards, guidelines, or policies. The prorated portion shall be calculated by reducing the incentive paid by 20% per year for each of the five years following final inspection and approval (first 20% reduction to occur on the first anniversary date of incentive payment).
3. When a violation has been determined, the Winnetka W&E will notify the customer of the violation and allow the customer thirty (30) days to cure the violation. If the customer fails to cure the violation, the Winnetka W&E shall notify the customer of the amount of the refunded incentive that shall be due thirty (30) days after receipt of notice. Failure to comply with these terms and conditions may result in cancellation of the customer's electric service.