



Renewable Energy Options: Residential Xcel Energy Electric Customers in Minnesota

Options	Eligibility	Effort	Cost	Who claims renewable benefit?	Get Started
<p>Individual Solar PV</p> <p>Solar electricity system installed on your house or land</p>	<p>Must own roof/land and have a good solar resource; check yours at mn.gov/solarapp</p>	<p>You hire an installer and maintain the system</p> <p>System lasts ~25 years</p>	<p>Rough estimate: \$24,000 for 5kW system WITHOUT incentives. Payback of 7-16 years WITH incentives. Federal, state, and utility incentives available. Financing available.</p>	<p>If using utility incentives, UTILITY claims</p> <p>If only using tax credit and net metering, YOU claim</p>	<p>Get 3 quotes from solar installers. May require site visit. Find installers at cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org</p>
<p>Community-Shared Solar</p> <p>Solar electricity system installed near you; shared with other customers</p>	<p>Anyone. System must be in your county or an adjacent county</p> <p>Often need a good credit score.</p>	<p>"Subscribe" with a solar developer by signing a 20-25 year contract</p> <p>Look for a simple contract with clear exit terms</p>	<p>Rough estimate: save \$5 per month. Normally monthly payments. Look for annual price increase less than 3% with starting price less than bill credit rate.</p>	<p>Almost always the UTILITY</p>	<p>Get 3 quotes from solar developers. Find them at cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org</p>
<p>Windsource</p> <p>Wind energy installed in Minnesota to offset your electricity usage</p>	<p>Anyone</p>	<p>5-minute online application; 1-year contract to start, then can cancel at any time</p>	<p>Rough estimate: pay \$5 extra per month. Fuel charge on monthly bill replaced with Windsource charge.</p>	<p>YOU</p>	<p>Sign up online at xcelenergy.com (Programs and Rebates → Residential → Renewable Energy → Windsource)</p>
<p>Renewable *Connect</p> <p>Wind and solar energy installed in Minnesota to offset your electricity usage</p>	<p>Anyone, until program reaches limit</p>	<p>5-minute online application; choose among three contract terms: monthly, 5-year, and 10-year</p>	<p>Rough estimate: pay \$5 extra per month, with opportunity to save money later due to fixed pricing. Fuel charge on monthly bill replaced with Renewable*Connect charge.</p>	<p>YOU</p>	<p>Sign up online at xcelenergy.com (Programs and Rebates → Residential → Renewable Energy → Renewable*Connect)</p>