

	Distributed Solar	Community Solar	Green Tariff
Project Location	Solar array on your roof or in your yard.	Solar array in your region of Minnesota.	Large utility-scale solar or wind projects in Minnesota or surrounding states.
Ownership	You typically own or finance the solar equipment.	Community solar garden developer and financiers own the project.	Utility owns or purchases power from the project on your behalf or buys RECs to match your use.
Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)	You own RECs but may sell them to the utility through an incentive program.	Utility owns RECs.	Utility retires RECs on your behalf.
Relative Cost	Most expensive upfront, but largest potential return on investment. Look out for possible extra fees if you have a cooperative or municipal utility.	Varies depending on utility, but often pricing is similar to standard electric service.	Slightly more expensive than standard electric service.
Example programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide: Net metering</li> <li>• Xcel: <a href="#">Solar*Rewards</a></li> <li>• Minnesota Power: <a href="#">Solar Sense</a></li> <li>• Others: varies by utility</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Statewide: <a href="#">CERTs map and list of offerings</a></li> <li>• Xcel: <a href="#">Solar*Rewards Community</a></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Xcel: <a href="#">Windsorce</a> &amp; <a href="#">Renewable*Connect</a></li> <li>• MP: <a href="#">Renewable Source</a></li> <li>• OTP: <a href="#">Tailwinds</a></li> <li>• Dakota: <a href="#">Wellspring</a></li> </ul>