

# WANT TO GO SOLAR? JOIN US!

Members of the UMD and College Park community are organizing a neighborhood solar bulk purchase. By going solar as a group we can save 20-30% off the cost of a solar system. You'll also have the support of the group instead of navigating an often-complicated process alone. Anyone in College Park and the DC metro area is welcome to join!

## What is a bulk purchase?

A bulk purchase is when community members form a group and use their collective buying power to save on the total cost of going solar. The group uses a competitive bidding process to select a single company that will install systems on all of the participating homes. Each participant signs his or her own contract with the installer, but everyone gets the bulk discount. MD-based Astrum Solar has been selected by the group to complete everyone's installations.

## What will it cost?

By going solar as a group we can achieve more competitive prices!

DEADLINE TO SIGN UP  
TO PARTICIPATE:  
**JUNE 30**

Cost to Go Solar in MD (EXAMPLES, NOT ACTUAL BID)	3 kw	5 kw
Cost before incentives	\$13,500	\$22,500
Bulk Purchase Discount (~ 30% of system cost)	[-\$4,050]	[-\$6,750]
*Solar Renewable Energy Credit Upfront Payment	[-\$900]	[-\$1,500]
Initial upfront cost	\$8,550	\$14,250
Federal tax credit (30% of system cost)	[-\$2,835]	[-\$4,725]
State Grant <i>Incentives also exist in some counties</i>	[-\$1,000]	[-\$1,000]
Estimated energy savings in one year	[-\$465]	[-\$775]
<b>Total Cost (after one year)</b>	<b>\$4,250</b>	<b>\$7,750</b>

\*Numbers are based on Sol Systems' February pricing. SREC prices subject to change. System size (therefore, overall cost) will vary by house. Base \$/watt (discount) will remain the same. Astrum Solar can also help you access various financing options to further reduce the upfront cost.

**JOIN US FOR AN INFO MEETING!**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> 7:00PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS (4500 KNOX RD, 2ND FLOOR)**

We'll cover the basics of solar and explain how the group purchase works. The group is working with Community Power Network, an independent, nonprofit organization that helps communities go solar.

Want to learn more? Visit our website!

[www.CommunityPowerNetwork.com/UMD](http://www.CommunityPowerNetwork.com/UMD)

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