



Take Advantage Of Solar Rebates

Thinking Of Adding Solar?

TMLP customers who are thinking about adding solar to their home should check out TMLP's Residential Solar Rebate Program which offers financial incentives to qualifying residential customers. The program offers a rebate incentive of \$1.50 per watt installed, up to 3 KW (DC), or a maximum rebate level of \$4,500. Photovoltaic (solar) arrays may be any size (pending TMLP approval), and the project must be approved by TMLP prior to installation.

A battery storage rebate of \$300 for units of 5KW+ is also available for projects approved and installed after June 9, 2021. Customers who wish to install a battery backup system with their solar installation must also submit the Battery Backup Verification & Rebate Application which is available online at [tmlp.com](https://www.tmlp.com), as well as a 1-line diagram of the battery backup, the battery product technical data sheet, and a copy of city/town wire inspector's approval of referenced battery backup system. The 1-line diagram must be designed and state, "AC Disconnect will be no further than 4' from utility meter."

To qualify for the Residential Solar Rebate Program and/or the Battery Backup Storage Rebate, the customer must own the solar array, and a copy of the customer-contractor executed agreement is required prior to receiving approval to build. Leased units are not eligible.

As with most residential customer rebate and incentive programs offered by TMLP, the customer must have an active residential or non-profit electric account with the TMLP for at least six (6) months, with a \$0 balance (no arrears.)

TMLP customers of record must also be person listed on the deed of the property where the solar array will be installed. All projects must also be completed by licensed electricians and professional licensed contractors, and all contractors must provide a copy of the customer invoice showing payment prior to receiving the Permission to Operate and rebate submission. A signed TMLP net metering agreement and an interconnection agreement is required.

For additional information, including specifics about net excess kilowatt-hours generated, Power Cost Adjustment (PCA) charges during the billing period, and kilowatt-hour credit rates can be obtained on the TMLP website www.tmlp.com. The website also includes TMLP rate sheets: <https://www.tmlp.com/electric/rates/>.

TMLP customers should note that the Department of Energy Resources' (DOER) Municipal Lighting Plant program has ended, and the required Locus Meter is no longer needed for solar installations in the TMLP service area.

Thank You, DCR!

TMLP is the recipient of 12 new trees at the 55 Weir Street location, thanks to the Department of Conservation's (DCR) Urban & Community Forestry Program. The trees were planted as part of DCR's Greening the Gateway Cities Urban Canopy Project.

Greening the Gateway Cities Program (GGCP), an environmental and energy efficiency program, is a partnership between DCR, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), the Department of Energy Resources (DOER), the US Forest Service, and the Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The program is designed to reduce household heating and cooling energy use by increasing tree canopy cover in urban residential areas in the state's 23 Gateway Cities.

According to DCR, tree canopies reduce the urban heat island effect, and decrease summer air temperature through shading and increased transpiration, thereby reducing energy use.

Developed during the Baker-Polito administration, the GGCP has planted more than 35,000 trees in 23 Massachusetts cities since the former administration took office in 2015. Taunton was one of five cities added with the expansion of the GGCP in 2022. Plans call for the planting of 2,400 trees in each of the new cities. Trees range from 6' to 10' with a goal of covering 5% of the target neighborhoods in new tree cover.

Your Bill Looks Different

TMLP is getting ready to transition to a new Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system that will help customers better understand the components of their monthly electric bill. Customers received their redesigned bill in April and May and should note that although their new bill looks different, the rate and what makes up their bill remain the same.

Referred to as unbundled, the new invoice enables customers to see a breakdown of the bill, including charges such as distribution, transmission, and generation, among others.

The redesigned bill is just one of the many user-friendly features of the ERP system that is set to launch soon!

Heat Pump 0% Loan Program

TMLP is making the final tweaks on a new 0% heat pump loan for residential customers who plan to install a qualifying heat pump in their homes. The exciting new program is possible through a \$1 million award TMLP will receive from the Massachusetts Legislature to develop and enhance energy efficiency programs for its customers.

The program is expected to be available to qualifying customers later this year. Look for more information soon!

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Summer Energy Efficiency Tips

Replace your air filter

Replacing your air conditioner's filter is among the easiest and most effective things you can do to ensure that your air conditioner runs smoothly and efficiently. Dirty filters block airflow and reduce your air conditioner's ability to absorb heat. Replacing a dirty filter with a clean one can lower your air conditioner's energy usage by up to 15%.

You should clean or replace your air conditioning system's filter every one or two months, or more often if your air conditioner is in constant use or if you have pets. Single-room air conditioner filters are mounted in the grill that faces into the room, while central air system filters are usually located near the return duct.

Get an energy-efficient dehumidifier

Use a dehumidifier to lower humidity levels in your home. A dehumidifier can help lower energy costs because your air conditioner doesn't have to work as hard. When the air in your home is too humid, your air conditioner has to cool the air as well as remove moisture. If your air conditioner works too hard, it may break, requiring lengthy and expensive repairs. Purchase an Energy Star rated dehumidifier then submit for the TMLP appliance rebate! Visit tmlp.com/Go-Green for programs.

Unplug it if you aren't using it

Did you know that almost all electronics generate heat, and even when they're switched off, they can generate a small amount of heat in the wiring, simply by being plugged in? To keep cool, unplug any electronics you're not using. You may be keeping your home warmer in the summer than you think!

Help TMLP Help You!

TMLP residential and commercial customers are reminded to make sure that shrubs, trees or outdoor furniture are not impeding access to the electric meters outside their home or business. Cut the shrubs around meters so that TMLP meter readers can get an accurate reading to ensure that you don't receive a bill based on an estimated reading.

**Sign up for a Free Home Energy Audit!
Call 1-888-772-4242**



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Administrative offices
(508) 824-5844

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Office hours
Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

Payment locations
33 Weir Street
Our office is open
Monday through Friday

Drop boxes
33 and 55 Weir Street
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Trucchi's Supermarket
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