



White River Solar

General Information & FAQs 2023-2024

WREA is excited to kick off the 5th year of the White River Solar program.

HOW DO I RENEW MY SOLAR LEASE? Members who have an existing lease can fill out their mailed renewal lease and return it to WREA by **Thursday, April 27, 2023** at PO Box 958, Meeker, CO 81641 or by email at kmatrisciano@wrea.org. The selected lease fee will automatically appear on your May electric bill and is due with your May bill no later than **June 15, 2023**. WREA requests that you do not mail in a separate check for the renewal fee because it will be automatically applied to your May bill. Please note that solar blocks that are not renewed will be made available to other members and may not be eligible for leasing in future years.

CAN I SIGN UP FOR A LEASE EVEN IF I HAVEN'T LEASED IN THE PAST?

YES! WREA has made additional solar blocks available for 2023-2024 so existing lessees can extend their leases subject the guidelines listed below and members who haven't leased in the past may join the program. The leasing program remains the same based upon the Tiers listed below per Member meter. If you haven't leased in the past, please go to <https://wrea.org/solar> for a lease form and program details or call/stop by WREA for a lease form and program details.

WHAT IS A SOLAR BLOCK? A White River Solar block represents a panel(s) that can be annually leased for \$36.00 and generates a \$5.00 per month solar production credit. **Members must execute a solar lease for each of its electric meters subject to the criteria listed below.**

HOW IS THE APPROPRIATE TIER DETERMINED? The appropriate tier is based upon a meter's monthly energy usage. Usage information can be found on your monthly bill, online through SmartHub (www.wrea.org), or by calling WREA. The monthly production credit cannot exceed the minimum monthly energy charge and can't offset the monthly Service Charge. Please select the tier that does not exceed your lowest energy usage based upon the previous year. Should the monthly production credit exceed the monthly energy charge, the excess monthly production credit will be forfeited.

WHAT ARE THE TIERS? Tiers represent the options for Solar Block leasing along with corresponding yearly fee and monthly/yearly production credit.

		Residential Meters	
Tier Options	# of Blocks	Yearly Lease Fee	Production Credit (Mo/Yr)
1	1	\$36	\$5/\$60
2	2	\$72	\$10/\$120
3	3	\$108	\$15/\$180

		Commercial Meters (SC1, SC3, L1) Yearly	
Tier Options	# of Blocks	Lease Fee	Production Credit (Mo/Yr)
1	5	\$180	\$25/\$300
2	10	\$360	\$50/\$600
3	20	\$720	\$100/\$1,200

Example: If a member's lowest residential monthly energy usage, based upon the previous 12 months, is \$30 (energy usage is in addition to the monthly Service Charge), then the member is eligible to lease up to 3 Solar Blocks for that specified meter. The annual Solar Block lease fee is \$108 with the production credit of \$15/month (\$180 / year). Alternatively, the member could elect to lease just 1 or 2 Solar Blocks. Each meter requires a lease, so if you have 3 meters then 3 leases are required.

WHO OWNS AND OPERATES THE SOLAR PANELS? White River Solar combines solar energy from the Meeker Solar Garden, located adjacent to the Meeker High School, and the Piceance Creek Solar Farm located off 567 RBC Road 83. WREA owns and operates the Meeker Solar Garden and WREA purchases all the solar production from Piceance Creek Solar. Leasing members do not "own" any portion of the solar facilities and have no responsibilities or liabilities associated with either solar production facility.

WHAT IS IN THE LEASE? The Solar Lease is intended to be a straightforward document whereby the WREA member commits to lease the specified solar blocks, agrees that the selected lease fee will be applied to their May electric bill, agrees to pay the lease fee, and agrees that if the elected solar production credit exceeds the monthly energy usage, then that unused energy production credit will be forfeited for that month. The lease has a one-year term, the lease fee is non-refundable, and the lease is not assignable or transferable to third parties. However, if a member moves within the WREA service area, the member can request to apply the solar blocks from one meter to another eligible meter at their new home or business.

WHY ARE THERE A LIMITED NUMBER OF SOLAR BLOCKS AVAILABLE FOR LEASE? While WREA has made additional solar blocks available for leasing in 2023-2024 there is a limited total number of White River Solar Blocks. **Solar renewals are guaranteed availability if turned in by the deadline. If the request for new leases exceeds availability, then leases will be issued on a first come first served basis** with remaining names placed on a wait list for next year's renewal period.

DO WREA'S LOCAL PROJECTS COMPLY WITH STATE RENEWABLE MANDATES? Yes, WREA is proud of its diverse renewable portfolio which includes the WREA Miller Creek Hydro Project and White River Solar. These combined projects exceed existing renewable mandates which has WREA well situated to remain compliant even if renewable mandates increase over the next few years.

WHEN ARE RENEWAL LEASES DUE? Solar Leases are due to WREA no later than **Thursday April 27, 2023**.

Questions?

Call (970)878-5041 or visit wrea.org/solar