



White River Solar

General Information & FAQs 2024 ~ 2025

WREA is excited to kick off the 6th 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 Monday, May 6, 2024 at PO Box 958, Meeker, CO 81641 or by email at customerservice@wrea.org. **Solar renewals are guaranteed if a renewing lease is turned in by the deadline.** The selected lease fee will automatically appear on your May electric bill and is due no later than June 15, 2024. **WREA requests that you do NOT mail in a separate check for the renewal fee because it will be automatically charged on your May bill.** Please note that solar blocks that are not renewed will be made available to other members. 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.

CAN I SIGN UP FOR A LEASE EVEN IF I HAVEN'T LEASED IN THE PAST? **YES!** Those who haven't participated in the past may join the program. For members considering rooftop solar, this program is a great alternative with ZERO loan or maintenance costs and no long-term commitment. This program allows members to leave the maintenance and expense up to the power provider while reaping the benefits of solar energy for themselves. If you haven't leased in the past and plan to be in the area for the next year, please go to <https://wrea.org/solar> for a lease form and program details.

WHAT IS A SOLAR BLOCK? A White River Solar block represents a panel that can be leased for \$36.00 annually and generates a \$5.00 per month solar production credit which is applied to your electric bill. A net gain of \$24 per block/panel will be received at the end of a 12-month cycle. Residential consumers can have a net gain up to \$72 annually and small commercial members can enjoy up to a \$480 gain annually.

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 offset the monthly service charge and can only be used to offset actual kWh usage. 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.

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

Tier Options	# of Blocks	Commercial Meters (SC1, SC3, L1) Yearly 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- which is owned by Cypress Creek Renewables. Leasing members do not "own" any portion of the solar facilities and have no responsibilities or liabilities associated with either solar production facility. That's the best part!

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, pay the lease fee, and understands that if the 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, and the lease is non-refundable, non-assignable and non-transferrable. 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.

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 Monday, May 6, 2024.

Questions?
Call (970)878-5041
or visit wrea.org/solar
for more information