

Options	Utility Company	Eligibility	Effort	Cost	Who claims renewable energy benefit?	Get Started
Individual Solar PV Solar electricity system installed on your house or land	Any	Must own roof/land and have a good solar resource; check yours at solar.maps.umn.edu/app/	You hire an installer and maintain the system. System lasts ~25 years	Rough estimate: \$24,000 for 5kW system WITHOUT incentives. Payback of 8-12 years WITH incentives. Federal, state, and utility incentives available. Financing available.	If using utility incentives, UTILITY claims. If only using tax credit and net metering, YOU claim.	Get 3 quotes from solar installers. May require site visit. Find installers at cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org
Community-Shared Solar Solar electricity system installed near you; shared with other customers	Any	Anyone. System must be in your county or an adjacent county. Often need a good credit score.	"Subscribe" with a solar developer by signing a 25-year contract. Look for a simple contract with clear exit terms.	Rough estimate: save \$5 per month. Normally monthly payments. Look for annual price increase less than 3% with starting price less than bill credit rate.	Almost always the UTILITY	Get 3 quotes from solar developers. Find them at cleanenergyprojectbuilder.org
Windsorce Wind energy installed in Minnesota to offset your electricity usage	Xcel Energy	Any Xcel subscriber	5-minute online application; 1-year contract to start, then can cancel at any time.	Rough estimate: pay \$5 extra per month. Fuel charge on monthly bill replaced with Windsorce charge.	YOU	Sign up online at xcelenergy.com (Programs and Rebates → Residential → Renewable Energy → Windsorce)
Renewable *Connect Wind and solar energy installed in Minnesota to offset your electricity usage	Xcel Energy	Any Xcel subscriber, until program reaches limit.	5-minute online application; choose among three contract terms: monthly, 5-year, and 10-year.	Rough estimate: pay \$5 extra per month, with opportunity to save money later due to fixed pricing. Fuel charge on monthly bill replaced with Renewable*Connect charge.	YOU	Sign up online at xcelenergy.com (Programs and Rebates → Residential → Renewable Energy → Renewable*Connect)
SolarWise Solar electricity system installed near you; shared with other customers	Connexus Energy	Any Connexus subscriber	5-minute online application; pay as you go, monthly, no contract.	Rough estimate: pay \$5 extra per month.	UTILITY	Sign up online at connexusenergy.com (Save Money and Energy → Solar Energy → SolarWise)