Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)

Get up to 100 percent in incentives for installing battery storage or solar plus battery storage

Overview

The Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP) is a California financial rebate program. The program helps residential and non-residential customers have power during planned and unplanned power outages.

What the program covers

This rebate may cover 15 percent to 100 percent of the installation. Installation includes battery storage, or solar and battery storage for residential customers only. Funding will vary by budget for specific program eligibility.

Residential customers

Eligibility: Demand Response Program enrollment

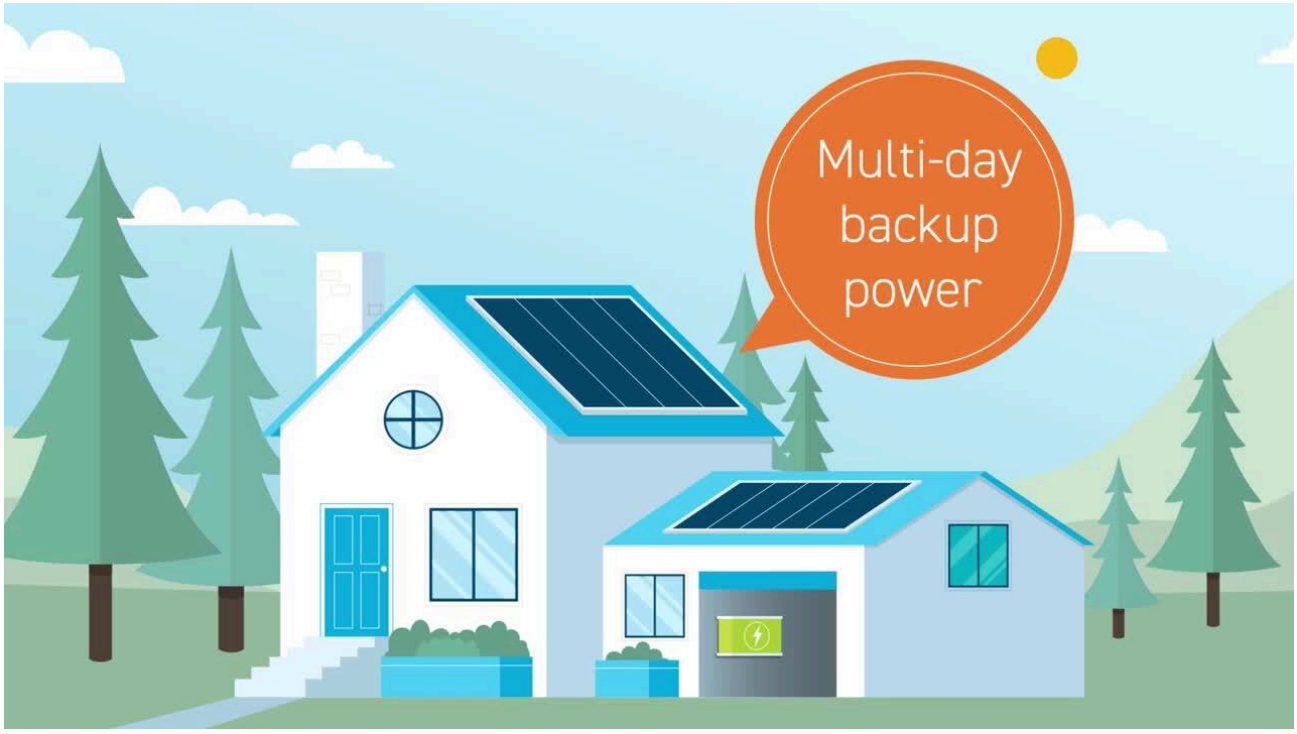
All eligible residential customers must participate in a Demand Response program. Demand Response programs provide incentives for customers reduce or shifts their energy usage at times of high demand. Learn more about PG&E's demand response programs: Automated Response Technology (available for Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) and Net Energy Metering (NEM) customers) and SmartRate.

Net Energy Metering (NEM) solar customers

Note: To participate in the Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP), you may be required to switch to the Solar Billing Plan program, which could increase your solar bill due to lower California energy credits.

Self-Generation Incentive Program for Income-Qualified Customers

Get up to 100% in incentives



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Residential Solar and Storage Equity Rebate for income-qualified customers

This rebate is closed. To submit a waitlist application, please contact your contractor. We'll notify customers on the waitlist when this rebate program has more funds.

Eligible customers may receive up to 100 percent in incentives, combined with Federal tax credits. The incentive can help pay for installing battery storage, or solar and battery storage.

Get more rebate details from this brochure (PDF).

Residents must meet the following requirements:

- Residential customers who live in a PG&E service area including Publicly-owned Utilities (e.g., Sacramento Municipal Utility District) and Community Choice Aggregator customers.
- Residential customers who meet 80 percent or lower of the area median income. Check the HUD calculator to see if you qualify.
- Residential customers with verified income who participate in one of the following programs:
    - California Alternate Rates for Energy (CARE)
    - Family Electric Rate Assistance (FERA)
    - Energy Saving Assistance (ESA)

- Renters are eligible for this program. Renters must obtain approval from their landlord before installation.
- The financial incentives that pay for your battery do not count as income. It will not affect your eligibility for MediCAL/Medicare benefits.
- The application information is used only to validate eligibility. The information will not impact your immigration status.

Determining eligibility requires income verification.

Additional eligibility categories

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General Market Rebate for residential customers

This rebate is for all PG&E residential customers. It covers about 15 percent of the cost of installing a battery storage system. Solar customers must be on the Solar Billing Plan to qualify for this rebate.

An approved Self-Generation Incentive Program contractor will submit the rebate application on your behalf.

Equity Resiliency Rebate for residential customers

Eligible customers may apply for a rebate. The rebate may cover 80 percent to 100 percent of the cost of installing a battery storage system. Eligible residential customers must:

- Live in Tier 2 or Tier 3 High Fire-Threat Districts (HFTD) **or**
- Have experienced more than two Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) **or**
- Have experienced five or more Enhanced Powerline Safety Setting (EPPS) outages since 2023 **and**
- Meet one of the following:
  - Be on the Medical Baseline Program
  - Meet income eligibility standards
  - Rely on an electric well pump for water
- Have incentives reserved in the income-qualified solar programs (SASH or DAC-SASH) **or**
- Be enrolled in the Energy Savings Assistance (ESA) program

Getting started

Eligible customers may participate in the Self-Generation Incentive Program in one of two ways:

Lease a Battery Storage or Battery Plus Solar Solution

This option is for customers who want to avoid paying for upfront installation costs.
With this option, the contractor:

- Owns the equipment
- Is responsible for all maintenance and repairs, if needed
- May charge a monthly fee

Buy a battery storage or battery storage plus solar system

Customers may own their system and receive the rewards from ownership such as home improvement value.

Owning is the best option for eligible customers who:

- Are eligible to claim the 30 percent tax credit on their tax returns, **and**
- Have funds to pay for the battery solution and wait to be reimbursed from the incentive program and tax credits.

Next steps

You

- Find a contractor with certification. for this rebate program. First, visit How to Find a Contractor to get tips before hiring a contractor. If you need help finding contractors in your area, visit www.EnergySage.com.
- Sign agreement with the contractor.

Lease

- Pay a monthly fee to the contractor after the system is installed

Buy

- Pay the contractor after the system is installed and turned on
- Receive the incentive and 30 percent tax credit on IRS taxes after the system installation is complete.
- Maintain the system

Contractor

- Submits the Self-Generation Incentive Program application and reserve funds
- Applies for work permits from the local government agency
- Installs and turns on the system

Lease

- Receives incentive funds and a 30 percent tax credit to cover the system installation costs
- Owns and maintains the system

Buy

- Receives payment for the system installation from the customer

Potential savings

Potential savings on your electric bills will vary. Savings depend on the solution that is chosen by you and your contractor. Plus, eligible customers will save up to 100 percent on the installation costs.

Non-residential customers

Eligibility: Demand Response Program enrollment

All eligible non-residential customers must participate in one of these Demand Response programs: Capacity Bidding Program and Peak Day Pricing.

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General Market Rebate for non-residential customers

All non-residential PG&E customers are eligible for a general market rebate. Customers may receive up to 25 percent funding for installing a battery storage system.

Equity Resiliency Rebate for non-residential customers

This rebate program may cover the cost of the battery if the business is:

- Located in Tier 2 or Tier 3 High Fire-Threat Districts (HFTD) **or**
- Serves customers who had their electricity shut off during two or more Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS) prior to the date of the application **and**
- Provides critical facilities or infrastructure to:
  - One or more communities in a Tier 3 or Tier 2 HFTD **and**
  - A community with customers whose electricity was shut off during two or more discrete PSPS events. These events must be prior to the date of application for SGIP incentives **or**
  - A community whose electricity was shut off during one discrete PSPS event and one de-energization or power outage from an actual wildfire that occurred on or after Jan. 1, 2017, **and**
- At least one of those communities is eligible for the Equity Budget.

Examples of critical facilities include:

- Police stations
- Fire stations
- Emergency response providers and tribal government providers
- Emergency operations centers
- 911 call centers
- Medical facilities, including:

- Hospitals
- Skilled nursing facilities
- Nursing homes
- Blood banks
- Healthcare facilities
- Dialysis centers
- Hospice facilities, etc.

More solar resources

Rooftop Solar

Calculate your potential energy savings and get tips on finding a contractor.

Learn More →

Battery Storage

Keep the power on. Learn about the benefits of having battery storage.

Learn More →

Self-Generation Incentive Program Handbook

Get detailed information about the budget categories for these incentives.

Read Handbook →