SOLARIZE
the triangle

Cut Your Electric Bill and Help Slow Climate Change

Grassroots Program Makes Rooftop Solar Easy and Affordable

Between January 1 and April 30, 2016, homeowners and business owners in Wake, Durham, Orange and Chatham counties can sign up for **Solarize the Triangle**.

- Take advantage of group-buying discount.
- Save more by helping spread the word (the price continues to drop as more people sign contracts).
- Take advantage of the 30% Federal tax credit!
- Reduce your own carbon footprint *and* create pressure for large-scale change.

Sign up for a free solar assessment and
see a list of free public information sessions at
solarize-nc.org
Questions? Call 919.416.5077 or email *info@solarize-nc.org*

Solar power helps you generate most of your own electricity. Power bill savings start the day the system is installed, locking in low-cost clean energy for 25 years or more. Your utility gives you credit on your bill for any excess solar power that you send to the grid.

Solarize the Triangle uses high-quality equipment installed by two of North Carolina's leading solar companies, Yes! Solar Solutions of Cary and Southern Energy Management of Morrisville.

How it Works

The first step is to sign up for a free solar assessment at solarize-nc.org.

Then we look at a satellite image of your property to see if it's suitable for solar. If we think it is, we schedule an on-site visit to make more detailed measurements.

We give you a proposal tailored to your needs, you sign the contract, we install the system and you start seeing the savings immediately on your electric bill.

Solar costs have come down 80% in the last 5 years, and this year's Solarize price for an average-size system is about 14% lower than last year's. Prices vary based on the size of your house, your power usage, and other factors. The price you pay covers all equipment, labor, permits and inspections.

Why Solarize?

The grassroots Solarize model – pioneered in Portland, Oregon in 2009 – reduces the cost and confusion of going solar because the nonprofit program sponsor:

- pre-selects installers to ensure you're working with top-notch professionals
- negotiates a bulk discount to help make solar more affordable
- provides a detailed website and free public information sessions to answer all your questions about tax credits, utility incentives, financing options and more
- remains available throughout the process to troubleshoot and answer questions

Since we strongly believe that solar energy is for everyone, our Sharing Solar initiative helps low- and fixed-income homeowners, renters and nonprofits benefit from solar. We will donate a small solar system for every 30 contracts signed during Solarize the Triangle.

Solarize the Triangle is a joint effort of NC WARN and NextClimate, the state's top sponsors of Solarize programs. Since 2014, the two nonprofits have helped 312 homeowners and businesses go solar.

Now in its 28th year, NC WARN's mission urgency is to induce Charlotte-based Duke Energy – now the world's largest corporate utility – to make a strong shift to clean, affordable energy in order to help avert climate tipping points and ongoing rate hikes. ***More info: ncwarn.org***

NC WARN

next climate

NextClimate, based in Carrboro, was founded as a nonprofit in 2013. Its mission is to empower people to take action on climate change. NextClimate believes that bringing affordable solar power to the people of North Carolina is the best way to lower energy costs, heighten self-reliance and strengthen our energy independence in a way that protects our environment and lifestyle for future generations. ***More info: nextclimate.org***