



UNDERSTANDING SOLAR INCENTIVES

Illinois is poised to become one of the nation's leaders in new solar installations in the next few years.

How is the landscape of solar power changing?

For homeowners, federal taxes will provide a 26% credit of the cost of installing solar mitigate. Newly implemented incentives on the Illinois state level can roughly cover an additional 15 to 30% of the sticker price, though the calculation for IL's incentives is more nuanced and varies with the size of the installation. For an explanation of how the state's incentive's work, visit certasun.com/illinois-solar-incentives/.

How can you use this information to bring more value to you?

Google has developed a fantastic tool, www.google.com/get/sunroof, to determine whether a roof is a good candidate for solar.

If you live in condo buildings without roof rights, or if your house doesn't get very good natural light, there are new state programs rolling out to help everyone benefit from solar power.

Community Solar allows renters and homeowners to use solar energy in their homes without installing panels on their property. Any ComEd customer will be able to lease solar panels at offsite locations and use the power generated to offset their electricity bill. The program is still ironing out the specifics, but the program should be up and running soon!

