

Renewable energy for the future

Solar energy is on the rise

Renewable energy is expected to be the fastest-growing source of electricity generation in 2020, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration. An estimated 12.9 gigawatts of new solar capacity will be added, or the equivalent of more than 40 million solar panels.

Hastings Community Solar Farm

Community solar is when solar electricity is owned and shared by multiple customers while being produced in one location. Our community solar farm's primary purpose is to give customers the option to participate in renewables who cannot or don't want to install solar panels on their own property.

Two ways to participate

There are two ways customers can participate: Ownership and Subscription.

Ownership gives customers the ability to purchase and own the panel. The panel will stay in the solar field and be maintained by Hastings.

A subscription allows customers to purchase solar shares each month to offset some of the energy they use each month.

Cost of participation

Panel Option: The cost of each panel is \$384. The monthly maintenance charge is \$.0062/kWh. You will also receive a base energy credit of \$.0213/kWh for energy that was not purchased from the market.

Solar Share Option: Each Solar share is 150 kWh at \$.0301/kWh or one share will cost \$4.52 a month. You will also receive a base energy credit of \$.0213/kWh or \$3.20 a month for energy that was not purchased from the market. The net difference is \$1.32 per solar share.

Learn more or sign up at cityofhastings.org/solar

Other City News: National Night Out

Come visit the Hastings Utilities booth at this year's National Night Out, set for Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 5-7 p.m. at the Hastings City Auditorium. National Night Out is a way to celebrate police and community partnerships, and this year's theme is "Give Neighborhood Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party."