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# NEWS

## **Power your life with the sun via SWL&P's community solar garden *Sign up for convenient, renewable solar energy by Sept. 30***

Superior, Wisconsin —Superior Water, Light and Power Co. (SWL&P) is encouraging customers to sign up for its first community solar garden while there still is space available in the renewable energy project.

SWL&P is accepting subscriptions to the program, a simple way for customers to participate in solar without having to install or maintain a system at their own home or business. It's a safe, flexible and convenient choice for customers who want the benefits of renewable solar power but may not have a suitable location or the means to install their own system.

The 470-kilowatt solar garden—large enough to power about 115 homes—will be built on company-owned land at 2828 Hammond Ave., near Heritage Park in Superior. SWL&P, a wholly owned subsidiary of ALLETE Inc. (NYSE: ALE), urges interested customers to sign up by Sept. 30 and expects to build the array and generate power from the solar garden in 2022.

“The energy we deliver today is 50% renewable, but both business and residential customers tell us they want more clean, carbon-free energy. Our community solar garden is a simple, no-hassle way for them to access power from the sun and stabilize their monthly bills over the long term,” said Rob Sandstrom, SWL&P president. “Superior Solar is part of our commitment to climate, customers and community.”

The cost of Superior Solar—installation and maintenance over the 25-year life of the program—will be fully paid for by customers who sign up for the solar garden. Participating customers can avoid future energy cost increases by locking in the solar garden subscription rates.

Subscriptions are available in 1-kilowatt blocks. Customers can choose to purchase one block, or enough blocks to cover their monthly electricity needs. Three options are available: an upfront one-time payment, a fixed monthly subscription fee or a fixed charge per kilowatt-hour. All customers also will pay a one-time reservation fee of \$122.04 per kilowatt-hour block. All options are based on 25-year agreements, but customers will have the flexibility to leave the program at any time without penalty.

Solar garden participants will receive a credit on their monthly bill for the energy produced by their subscription to the solar garden. In addition, customers who choose a monthly subscription fee or fixed charge per kilowatt-hour will be billed for their subscription each month.

## How to sign up

SWL&P is accepting subscribers on a first-come, first-served basis. **Customers can visit [www.swlp.com/solar](http://www.swlp.com/solar), call 715-395-6220 or email [solarprogram@swlp.com](mailto:solarprogram@swlp.com) for more information or to be placed on a solar interest list.**

*Superior Water, Light and Power provides electricity, water and natural gas in the city of Superior and adjacent areas in northwestern Wisconsin. The company has served the area since 1889 and provides services to approximately 15,000 electric customers, 13,000 natural gas customers and 10,000 water customers. More information can be found at [www.swlp.com](http://www.swlp.com).*

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