



Solar ownership options

The interest in residential solar is growing. And as your source for power and information, we put together a list to help answer questions you may have. Here are some points to consider when exploring various methods of adding solar to your home.

PURCHASING A SYSTEM

You'll be responsible for making the decisions on what system to purchase, choosing a reputable contractor and more. It's a big investment, so you'll need to spend time researching, asking questions, obtaining multiple bids and reviewing contracts.

To cover the cost of purchasing your solar system, you can pay cash or obtain a loan. The system will be yours, and you'll reap the benefits of all power you generate from the system.

Because you are the owner of the system, you'll have to pay up front for the components and all installation and connectivity costs. You'll most likely be responsible for maintenance and repair costs, and you will bear liability for the system. While some installers offer service and maintenance contracts, not all do.

You may be able to negotiate that in your contract. Be sure to get details in writing before signing any contract.

As the system's owner, you may be able to take advantage of federal, state and local incentives—including a 30%



federal tax credit. This is not a tax refund and will decrease to 26% for systems installed in 2033 and to 22% for systems installed in 2034. (Consult your financial/tax advisor.)

LICENSE PANELS IN OUR COOPERATIVE SOLAR FARM

If you are interested in solar, but face obstacles to installation, licensing panels in our solar farm is a great alternative.

It is easy and affordable. For a one-time payment of \$460 per panel, participating members will receive a 25-year license to one of the panels. That means

they will get credit on their monthly power bill for their proportional share of the energy generated by the solar farm, as well as the market value of their panel's capacity. In addition to the bill credits, members have no worries about maintenance or hassles from bolting panels to their roof. And they can monitor panel performance online.

Members can license multiple panels, up to the amount that will cover their home's annual usage.

For more information about residential solar or our Cooperative Solar Farm, visit bgenergy.com.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Celebrating Independence and empowering communities

As we prepare to celebrate the anniversary of our nation's independence, I am filled with a sense of gratitude. July Fourth is a time to reflect on the values that make our country great and to honor the visionaries who forged the path towards freedom and self-governance.

This year, as we come together to celebrate the holiday, I am reminded of the powerful connection between independence and the work we do as an electric cooperative.

Making life better, the cooperative way is our purpose, and at our core, electric cooperatives believe in the value of community empowerment. We strive to provide reliable and affordable electricity to our members, ensuring that you have the power you need to power your home and create a better future for yourselves and your families.

Like the founding fathers, we believe in the power of local control. That is reflected in the presence of our local offices and the fact our employees and directors live right alongside you in our communities.

Just as the stars and stripes of our flag symbolize the unity and diversity of our nation, the electricity we deliver is a necessary tie that binds us together. Whether you are a farmer, a small business owner or a homeowner, we are committed to supporting your aspirations and helping you thrive. By working together, we can overcome challenges, embrace innovation and build a stronger community.

This Fourth of July, let us remember the strength and resilience that lies within us as a nation and as a community. Let us cherish the freedoms we enjoy and honor the sacrifices made by those who fought for our independence.

On behalf of our entire cooperative family, I wish you a joyous and safe Independence Day.

*By President/CEO
Michael I. Williams*



Breathe Easier.

Regularly changing your cooling system's air filter provides multiple benefits.

- Improved indoor air quality
- Cleaner home
- Fewer indoor allergens
- Improved system efficiency



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FLOODING SAFETY

When the water rises, make sure the power's off

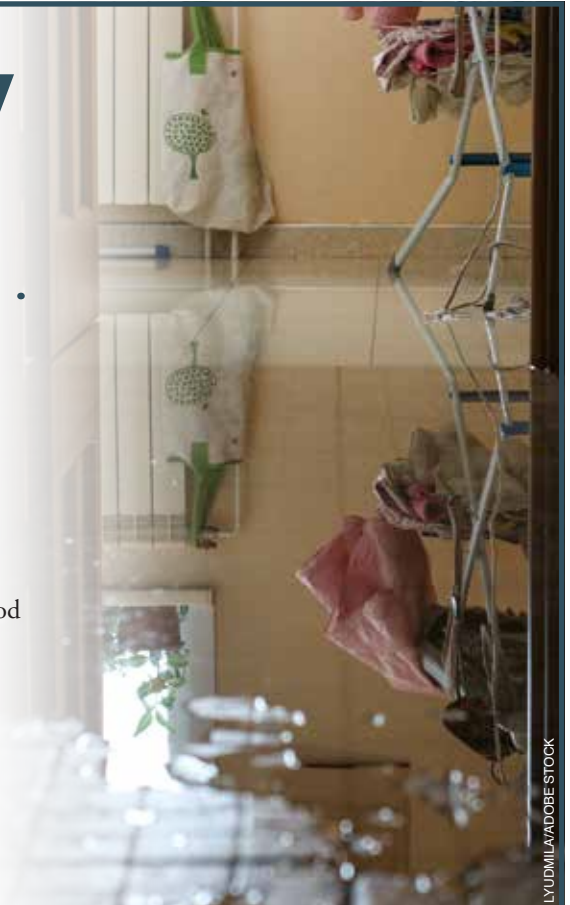
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If your home has been flooded, it's vitally important to remember that **electricity and water don't mix.**

Blue Grass Energy reminds you that you should not return to the flooded area to begin cleaning up until after the power has been disconnected. And, remember: In most cases, any electric appliances or equipment that were submerged in the water should be replaced.

Do's and don'ts for cleaning up after the flood:

- **DO** keep a flashlight and batteries on hand for maneuvering through flood waters in the dark.
- **DON'T** allow power cord connections to become wet.
- **DO** replace all circuit breakers and fuses that have been submerged in water.
- **DON'T** touch a circuit breaker or replace a fuse if your hands are wet or if you are standing on a wet surface. When resetting breakers, use a dry plastic- or rubber-insulated tool. Use only one hand.



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CASA SUPERHERO RUN

Mark your calendar for August 26.

The CASA of Lexington Superhero 5K and Fun Run is one of the ways this organization raises money to benefit abused and neglected children right here in Kentucky.

This year's event will be at WinStar Farm.

The CASA Superhero Run features a chip-timed 5K run/walk, a 1K fun run for kids 12 and under, superheroes available for photo ops, runners in superhero-themed outfits, face-painting, train rides for kids, inflatables, free food, superhero horses and much more!

For more information and to register, visit casaoflexington.org.



PHOTOS: CASA OF LEXINGTON



Each year, Blue Grass Energy chooses a charity to work with for the year. We partner with a local nonprofit organization that benefits the communities in which we live and serve. Our fundraising efforts for the entire year go to that cause. This year, we are partnering with CASA.

**Blue Grass Energy will be closed Tuesday, July 4,
in observance of Independence Day.**

For outages and emergencies, call (888) 546-4243.