

SOLAR CONTRACTORS & MULTIFAMILY PROPERTY OWNERS

Solar Water Heating – An Affordable Way to Go Green!

Special rebates for low-income, multifamily properties in the SDG&E service area

The **California Solar Initiative – Thermal Program** provides rebates that make solar water heating more affordable than ever for owners of low-income, multifamily residences. Incentives are available to properties that currently heat water with natural gas and meet income requirements.

In addition to meeting low-income housing requirements, multifamily systems must provide for the system's cost benefits to be passed to residents through reduced energy costs.



Save Money

Save on your property's water heating costs.



Conserve Energy

Sunlight is abundant, **free** and forever renewable.



Reduce Greenhouse Gases

Reduce your **carbon footprint** and increase curb appeal!

Qualification Requirements

- Benefits of SWH system must be passed to low-income residents
- Property must be either low-income housing or 50% of units ESAP* participants
- Property must remain low-income for 10 years
- Property must meet certain resale restrictions
- Other conditions apply

*Energy Savings Assistance Program

Maximum rebate amount for qualifying properties

\$800,000

Current incentive step per therm displaced (1/19)

\$24.89/therm

Plus, property owners who qualify can receive up to a 30% federal tax credit and may benefit through accelerated depreciation.

Rebate amounts are based on the amount of energy a solar water heating system is expected to displace over the course of one year. Once your system has been installed and the final building permit has been signed, your contractor will apply for the rebate for you.

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Information for property owners and contractors

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