

Delaware State Solar Policies Primer

Delaware is a good state in which to do solar. They have the second most aggressive goal for renewables, aiming for 75% of energy to be generated by renewable sources by 2032.

Net Metering- Delaware's net metering policy is its most impactful incentive for solar installation. As explained in the Solar 101 Primer, net metering allows you to drastically lower your electric bills. Firstly, you use all energy you generate for free. Then, any extra energy you generate will be sent back to your utility company, and you will get a credit for it. That credit can then be used towards the cost of any energy you pull from the grid, negating that cost. Any excess energy in your account at the end of the month is called Net Excess Generation (NEG), which is stored in your account as a credit.

Delaware's version is simple and effective. Any excess is carried over at full retail value month to month, and after a year, you can request a check for the value of all additional credits. There is a 25kW size limit for residential systems, and 500kW – 2MW for non-residential systems, depending on utility. The higher your electricity price is, the more this policy saves you!

Solar Renewable Energy Credits-Delaware also has a power performance program, in Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs). These are credits awarded to you for every MWh of power you generate. You can either sell them on a special market for SRECs, or through an SREC procurement program. Either way, it is a nice incentive bonus for your solar installation!

Solar Rebates- Delaware does not have statewide solar rebates. However, some utilities offer rebates, per kW installed (mainly for smaller, residential systems). Check with your utility to see if they offer rebates for your installation.

In addition to these incentives, you will be able to receive the federal incentives as well!



*All incentives as of 6/12/18. All are subject to change by policymakers or utilities at any time.