

Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)

Energy Storage Rebates for Your Home **Available NOW!**



California Public Utilities Commission

What is SGIP?

The **Self-Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)** is a California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) program that **offers rebates for installing energy storage technology in your home.** These storage technologies include battery storage systems that can function in the event of a power outage.

What are the benefits of energy storage for your home?

- If you already have solar panels on your roof, you can store excess solar energy and use it when the sun is not out.
- Even if you do not have solar panels, this technology allows you to store energy from the electric grid and utilize that power in the event of a power outage. Depending on the battery and how much you are using it, this could last several hours, or longer.
- Battery storage can be an important component of a more robust emergency preparedness plan in the event of a power outage.

Am I eligible for SGIP rebates?

Any residential customer of Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E), Southern California Edison (SCE), Southern California Gas Company (SoCalGas), or San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) **is eligible for a General Market SGIP rebate of approximately \$250/kilowatt-hour**, which means

the rebate covers approximately 25 percent of the cost of an average energy storage system.

In addition to this **General Market** rebate, there are two additional categories of higher SGIP rebates for residential customers: **Equity** and **Equity Resiliency**.

EQUITY

Rebate Rate: \$850/kilowatt-hour

Rebate covers **approximately 85 percent of the cost** of an average energy storage system.

To be eligible you must meet one of the following criteria:

- You live in a **single-family home** and your home is subject to resale restrictions.
- You live in a **single-family home** and have already participated in or have reserved incentives in the Single-family Affordable Solar Homes (SASH; <https://bit.ly/2wtyJQh>) or Disadvantaged Communities – Single-family Solar Homes (DAC-SASH) (<https://bit.ly/2wZZVXc>) program.
- You live in an **apartment** that is considered low income housing and includes at least five rental units, and you must **either** be located in a Disadvantaged Community (DAC)* **or** at least 80 percent of the apartment building residents have incomes at or below 60 percent Area Median Income.
- You live in an **apartment** and your property has already participated in the Solar on Multifamily Affordable Housing (SOMAH; <https://bit.ly/32L88dT>) Program or the Multifamily Affordable Solar Housing (MASH; <https://bit.ly/2Tkldqk>) Program.
- You live anywhere in **California Indian Country**.

*To learn if you are in a DAC, please visit <https://bit.ly/2VCyKMw>

EQUITY RESILIENCY

Rebate Rate: \$1,000/kilowatt-hour

Rebate covers **close to 100 percent of the cost** of an average energy storage system.

To be eligible you must meet the following criteria:

- You have experienced two or more utility Public Safety Power Shut-offs (PSPSs) OR live in a Tier 2 or 3 High Fire Threat District (HFTD).[†]
- AND one of the following additional criteria:**
- You live in multifamily deed-restricted housing or a single-family home subject to resale restrictions.
 - You are currently enrolled in a utility Medical Baseline Program: <https://consumers.cpuc.ca.gov/medicalbaseline>.
 - You have notified your utility of serious illness and/or life-threatening condition.
 - You have received or reserved other solar-related incentives (including SASH, DAC-SASH, MASH, or SOMAH programs).
 - Your home relies on electric pump wells for water.

[†]To learn if you are in a HFTD, please visit <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/firemap/>

How does the SGIP rebate work? How much is it worth?

Depending on which category you are eligible for, you can receive **\$850 per kilowatt-hour under the Equity Category** or **\$1,000 per kilowatt-hour under the Equity Resilience Category**. Both of these amounts would mean an energy storage system for your home would be almost, to potentially completely, free. This includes both the cost of the technology and the installation.

It is important to note that **the rebate is available after the application process is complete and the technology is installed**. However, some installers may be able to cover the upfront cost for you. Please be sure to mention this to the installer during initial discussions, as some installers may ask you to provide a down payment up front.

Does it make a difference if I am a homeowner or renter?

While applying for the SGIP rebate will likely be easier for someone who is a homeowner, **you may still qualify for the SGIP rebate as a renter** but you will need to work with your landlord. Please work with your installer and local Program Administrator to better understand application requirements.

Do I have to have solar to be eligible for SGIP?

No, you do not have to have a solar system in order to get energy storage technology installed in your home. It is important to note that having solar will enable your battery to last longer during an outage because it can recharge during the day, even if the grid is down.

How do I get started?

For the most part, a professional installer will work with you to apply for the SGIP rebate and install the technology in your home. Additionally, your local Program Administrator can help walk you through the process:

1

Do a little local research. What battery storage installers operate in your area? Which have the best reviews and reputation?

2

Reach out to installers to confirm which SGIP category you qualify for and what technology may be best for your home.

3

Work with the installer to complete the application process and install the technology.

4

If you have additional questions, contact your local Program Administrator.

Who do I call if I want to learn more?

Contact your local Program Administrator if you still have questions and want more information about SGIP. Your Program Administrator depends on who your utility is:

PG&E

Website: www.pge.com/sgip
Email: selfgen@pge.com

SCE

Website: www.sce.com/SGIP
Email: SGIPGroup@sce.com

SoCalGas

Website: www.socalgas.com/for-your-business/power-generation/self-generation-incentive
Email: selfgeneration@socalgas.com

SDG&E (via Center for Sustainable Energy)

Website: www.energycenter.org/self-generation-incentive-program
Email: sgip@energycenter.org

For more information about the CPUC and SGIP, please visit:

- CPUC Decision authorizing new SGIP Incentives (D.20-01-021: <https://bit.ly/32KeAli>).
- CPUC SGIP website with more details about the program: www.cpuc.ca.gov/sgip.
- Statewide SGIP website: www.selfgenca.com.



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