



# CITY OF DETROIT SOLAR NEIGHBORHOODS OCTOBER 2024

## SECTION A: ELIGIBLE HOMES

- Own and occupy a home surrounding the solar area within the energy efficiency home upgrade boundary
- No delinquent property taxes (must be current in a payment plan)
- No outstanding blight fees
- Have home in a physical state that allows repairs to be completed safe and effectively

## SECTION B: PRE-SCREENING

- Complete pre-screening survey (approximately 30 minutes)
- Homeowner provides:
  - Government-issued photo I.D.
  - DTE bill showing usage as of December 31, 2023
- Work will begin with owner-occupied homes closest to the solar array and work outward from those homes

## SECTION C: HOME ASSESSMENT

- Building performance professional will call to schedule the in-home assessment once you have completed Section A & B
- During the 3-hour home assessment, a building performance professional will walk through your home and collect data to help develop a list of opportunities for energy efficiency improvements
- Meeting between homeowner, City, and solar implementer to sign off on scope of work

## SECTION D: WORK BEGINS! ENERGY EFFICIENCY UPGRADES

- Each home has different needs – our team will work with each resident to determine the timeline for their upgrade completion based on their scope of work
- All upgrades are scheduled to be finished by December 31, 2025, home assessments to be completed by August 31, 2025

## SECTION E: WORK IS COMPLETED

- Final walk through and sign off
- Warranties provided
- Owner is responsible for ongoing maintenance
- Ensure customer is satisfied with quality of work and understands the improvements made



# CITY OF DETROIT SOLAR NEIGHBORHOODS FAQs

What should an owner-occupied homeowner know?



## Q. Which homes will be the first for upgrades?

A. Energy Efficiency upgrades will begin with owner-occupied homes closest to the solar array and work outward from those homes

## Q. What is the timing on completing the upgrades?

A. Upgrades will be completed by December 31, 2025, home assessments to be completed by August 31, 2025

## Q. Will I have any costs?

A. There are no costs to the homeowners

## Q. How will I be contacted to complete the survey?

A. The city will reach out to all homeowners via call or home visit to start the pre-screening process (approximately 30mins)

## Q. What documents do I need to provide?

A. 1. Government-issued photo I.D  
2. DTE bill showing usage as of December 2023

## Q. Will I receive a report from my home energy assessment?

A. Yes

## Q. How do I get my utility bill?

A. If you are not able to get a copy of a past DTE bill, a building performance professional will assist you in retrieving the information

## Q. Do I have to own and occupy the property?

A. Yes, you must have owned and occupied the home as of December 31, 2023

## Q. How can I get solar ready?

A.  
A: Roof Condition - Structural integrity and age (ideally <10 years)  
B: Max Sunlight Exposure - minimal shading from trees  
C: Electrical Compatibility - Electrical system must support solar installation  
D: Have all other efficiency upgrades completed

## Q. What should I expect during the assessment?

A. The assessment will last approximately 3 hours. During the home assessment, a building performance professional will walk through your home. The information collected will help develop a list of opportunities for energy efficiency improvement

## Q. Can I add in my own funds for additional work?

A. No, anything outside the scope of work will have to be contracted separately on your own

## Q. Am I able to decide how my money is allocated?

A. Yes, each home has different needs – our team will work with each resident to determine their scope of work and allocation of funds.

## Q. Will I have choice options for appliances on brand or color, etc?

A. Options will be provided with the focus on appliances that will create the most energy efficiencies for the home

## Q. Can I hire my own contractor or use my own estimates?

A. No. In order to receive energy efficiency upgrades through this program a certified, insured, bonded, and licensed contractor will be provided to give an estimate and perform the work

## Q. Am I able to make purchases for appliances or building material/s to be used for the upgrades?

A. No, you must choose provided options focused on maximizing energy efficiency

## Q. What do I need to do to get my home ready for construction or upgrades?

A. Homes must be in a physical state that allow repairs and upgrades to be completed safely and efficiently

## Q. Will there be further maintenance on the energy upgrades?

A. The building professional will turn over all documentation, warranties, and other information during the final walk through to the homeowner for any future repairs and maintenance

## Q. Who do I call if I have questions?

A. For questions, contact your respective building professional Elevate (State Fair and Gratiot Findlay): Terri O'Neal Terri.O'Neal@elevatenp.org  
Walker Miller (Van Dyke/ Lynch): Walker Miller (Van Dyke/ Lynch): Ben Dueweke Dueweke@wmenergy.com