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Solarize Missoula Launches: Hosting Workshops on Nov. 19 and Dec. 1

MISSOULA, MT – Solar power for homes will be easier and more affordable than ever thanks to Solarize Missoula, a new program launching for Missoula residents. Solarize Missoula’s program makes solar simple through free solar site assessments and low cost system pricing, creating an outstanding deal for homeowners compared to national, state and other solarize programs across the country.

Solarize Missoula will host two free public workshops in the coming weeks—Thursday, November 19 and Tuesday, December 1. Anyone interested in learning more about the program, pricing, tax benefits, financing, installation and more is encouraged to attend one of these two workshops. The November 19 workshop will be held at the Missoula Federal Credit Union’s Corporate Training Facility at 3600 Brooks Ave and starts at 6pm. The December 1st workshop will be held at the Missoula Public Library Large Meeting Room at 301 E Main St and starts at 7:15pm. Each workshop will last about an hour and a half, and participants can meet the participating local installers.

Solarize Missoula is a limited-time, one-stop-shop for community members to learn more about solar power options for their homes and facilitate the installation and financing of their own project. Homeowners in Missoula can get started with a simple online signup at www.solarizemissoula.org, take advantage of a free on-site solar assessment by an experienced installer, and have until February 1st to sign a contract and lock in the discounts. Those interested in signing up for the site assessment must do so before the end of 2015.

“Our goal is to accelerate the adoption of solar in Missoula by reducing cost and complexity for homeowners,” said Bryan von Lossberg, Solarize Coordinator for the Montana Renewable Energy Association (MREA). “People who sign up for Solarize Missoula can be confident that they’re getting a good price and working with a reputable solar installation business.”

Solarize Missoula is a project of MREA, Missoula Federal Credit Union, Climate Smart Missoula, Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), and the City of Missoula. Modeled off successful efforts in Oregon, Washington, Virginia, and other communities across the country, Solarize Missoula puts solar power within the reach of homeowners by making the process simple and affordable.

Both the Missoula Federal Credit Union and Montana DEQ offer financing packages for residential solar.

Jack Lawson, CEO of the Missoula Federal Credit Union, said, “We’re excited to be involved in this effort to make solar more affordable for homeowners and small businesses. We’re training our people to better understand solar options and we’re developing new solar loan products to provide additional financing options to Solarize Missoula participants.”

Four qualified local solar PV installers are participating in Solarize Missoula: SBS Solar, Remote Power Systems, Jordan Solar, and Big Sky Solar.

For more information about Solarize Missoula, call (406) 285-1857 or visit www.solarizemissoula.org.

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