



What is *Solarize Cayuga*..?

Cayuga County residents and businesses are able to take advantage of a discount on solar panels installed on their properties through the new *Solarize Cayuga* initiative. *Solarize Cayuga* is part of a larger *Solarize CNY* program being administered by the *Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board* in conjunction with local community volunteers in five upstate counties: Cayuga, Cortland, Madison, Onondaga and Oswego. *Solarize Cayuga* is completely community-based and run by volunteers interested in expanding the uptake of solar power in our county.

Solarize Cayuga is able to achieve significant cost savings by encouraging many people to install solar panels at the same time. The solar companies benefit from the economies of scale associated with having many customers in a community installing solar, so the companies are able to offer a reduced price on the solar panel installations.

Solarize Cayuga streamlines the process for potential solar customers by educating them about the details of solar panels, selecting reputable solar installation companies through a competitive process to ensure they meet established criteria, and informing customers of potential financing options as well as available state and federal financial incentives.

The *Solarize Cayuga* program, which begins in July 2015, is offering a series of free community workshops throughout Cayuga County, where interested property owners can learn how solar photovoltaic (PV) energy systems work, what the solar power potential is in our region, how the *Solarize* program works, and what solar incentives and financing options currently exist to make PV systems even more affordable. *Solarize Cayuga* program attendees will also be introduced to the two program-approved solar contractors. Interested parties are encouraged to sign up to receive a free, no-obligation site assessment to determine the suitability of their property for solar panels. If their site proves suitable for solar power, they will be able to purchase a solar installation at substantial cost savings from a *Solarize Cayuga* program-approved installer. The *Solarize Cayuga* program has a **limited time enrollment period, ending October 31st**.

The *New York State Energy Research and Development Authority* (NYSERDA) – which is underwriting *Solarize* programs throughout our state and which currently offers financial incentives for PV systems - indicates that the prices offered through our *Solarize Cayuga* program are about **15% below the state market rate** for comparable solar energy systems. *Solarize* programs have already proven successful in upstate New York communities such as Syracuse, Tompkins County, Madison County, and Broome County.

Learn more about *Solarize CNY* and *Solarize Cayuga* at:

solarizecny.org



Workshops / Open Houses

Thursday, July 30 6:00-8:00PM **Solarize Workshop**
 Stratton Hall Room 209, **Wells College**
 170 Main Street, **Aurora NY 13026**



Tuesday, August 11 6:00-8:00PM **Solarize Workshop**
 Bigrove Theatre, **Cayuga Community College**
 197 Franklin Street, **Auburn, NY 13021**



Saturday, August 15 2:00-3:30PM **Solarize Open House**
 Larry Culotti Farm
 821 McDonald Road
Port Byron NY 13140 (town of Montezuma)
 Farm photovoltaic installation (Halco)



Saturday, August 22 1:00-3:00PM **Solarize Workshop**
 Presentation Rooms 2 & 3, **Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES**
 1869 West Genesee St, **Auburn NY 13021**



Saturday, September 12 2:00 -3:30PM **Solarize Open House**
 Nathan and Betsy Leonard
 663 Cowan Road, **Locke NY 13092**
 Residential photovoltaic installation (Halco)



Tuesday, September 15 6:00-8:00PM **Solarize Workshop**
 Middle School Auditorium, **Cato-Meridian Central School**
 2851 Route 370 **Cato NY 13033**



Wednesday, September 16 5:00-7:00PM **Solarize Open House**
 Generations Bank
 152 Cayuga Street (Route 90), **Union Springs NY 13160**
 Commercial photovoltaic installation (Halco)



Thursday, September 24 6:00-8:00PM **Solarize Workshop**
 High School Cafeteria, **Moravia Central School**
 68 South Main St, **Moravia NY 13118**



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